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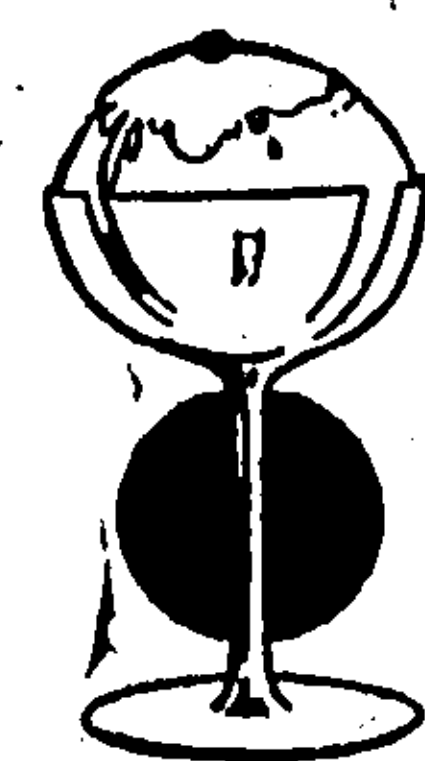
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TIME NOT RIPE FOR REFORM Chang Chun And China Currency Situation

Hawkers Petition Denied

Manila, Jan. 24.
Judge Conrado Sanchez, of the Manila Court of First Instance, today denied the petition of 23 Chinese vendors in public markets for a temporary order allowing them to continue occupying their stalls.
Judge Sanchez pointed out that two similar petitions had been turned down by the Supreme Court. For him to issue a contrary ruling would "skirt perilously around contempt of the Supreme Court."—United Press.

BORDER CLASH AT LIN TONG

A 30-minute battle between Chinese frontier troops and a small force of armed bandits occurred on Thursday night near Lin Tong on the Chinese side of the Kowloon-Kwangtung border.
Two soldiers of the Chinese 154th Battalion, part of the frontier garrison, were wounded and sent to Kowloon Hospital on Friday afternoon.
One was suffering from a bullet wound in the leg and the other from a wound in the thigh.
Chinese reports from the border yesterday said that the bandits first opened fire. Their object, though not clear, is thought to have been to divert attention from a smugglers' caravan.
After brisk exchange of fire between the two sides, the bandits withdrew and escaped in the darkness.

Marshall's Letter On China Aid

Washington, Jan. 24.
The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, today notified Congress that President Truman could not submit the China Aid plan to legislators until it had been examined by the Budget Bureau, which screens all proposed Federal expenditures, and the National Advisory Council.

Mr. Marshall said in a letter to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Mr. Styles Bridges, that the plan would go to the National Advisory Council within a week and to the Bureau of Budget before the President will be in a position to submit his proposal to the Congress.
Bridges had demanded in a letter to Marshall that the programme be sent to the Congress immediately and charged that delay in submitting it was an evidence of Administration "bad faith" with the Chinese.

The text of Marshall's letter follows:
"Dear Senator Bridges—I have received your letter of January 20 requesting information as to when the contemplated China aid programme will be presented to the Congress for consideration.
"I stated in hearings before the Congressional committee that a definite proposal was under

Regulations Not To Be Changed

Nanking, Jan. 24.
"The time is not ripe for currency reform," said the Premier, Chang Chun, in an exclusive interview with Reuters-AAP today. However, he explained that the Government has been considering financial reform for a long time under the various ministries concerned with the drafting of measures to deal with the present economic and financial crisis in China.
The Premier promised that there will be no change in the form of exchange regulations for some time, adding that the Government measures recently imposed can succeed in curbing the black market.

It was confident that when the anti-smuggling agreement between Hong Kong and China came into operation, black market dealing would be unnecessary.
The Premier indicated that foreign exchange control would remain in force for some time, explaining that financial exchange controls were operative in most countries of the British Empire and had proved successful in Britain.
The Premier declined to give an estimate of the financial aid necessary to stabilise China's currency. He confirmed that the aid to issue in China, estimated at 28 billion dollars, was "nearly true." He was convinced that China could overcome many difficulties as the British people were able to do.

Bright Future

He urged the Chinese people not to be pessimistic and concluded that the future for China is bright.

The Premier emphasised the point of "self help" in the economic programme when he declared that Government's main effort will be directed toward stabilising the inflated National currency as far as possible to enable American aid to produce the best possible results.

The Prime Minister's programme, which he presented to the State Council last night, calls for progressive currency stabilisation by narrowing the gap between internal payments and expenditures.

Chang also hinted at relaxation of the present import controls.

Old Policies

Neutral observers pointed out that the announcement of "self help" was timed to coincide with aid negotiations be-

EXTRADITION NEGOTIATIONS

A Central News message from Shanghai says that negotiations are being conducted between the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison authorities and the Hong Kong Government regarding the extradition of Hsu Chi-chuan, former General Manager of the Postal Savings and Remittance Bank.
Hsu was arrested in Hong Kong at the request of the Shanghai authorities.
The case is alleged to involve the misappropriation of public funds and cause a big sensation in Shanghai last year.
Garrison officials, it is learned, left Shanghai for Hong Kong yesterday morning in connection with the extradition proceedings.

Explosion In Match Factory

Two men were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital after being brought over from Ping Chau Island by launch yesterday afternoon in a critical condition. One of them is not likely to live.

They were victims of an explosion at the laboratory of the Great China Match Factory, Ping Chau Island, shortly before 2 p.m.
Lau San-chuk, 25, a chemist, was testing chemicals when an explosion blew off both his hands, and caused severe abdominal injuries to Wong Choi, 34, a coolie in the laboratory.
Lau's condition was slightly better late last night, but Wong was not expected to survive.

Vessel On The Rocks

Shanghai, Jan. 24.
The 4,900-ton Chinese steamer Dah Chung Hwa (Great China) stuck aground at Horseshoe Rock, near Yangtze pilot anchorage, early today.

Snow and heavy winds prevented rescue ships from reaching the distressed vessel.
The ship's master radioed that water entering the engine room and that immediate assistance was required.
The vessel was waiting to load a general cargo for Shanghai. She carried no passengers.—United Press.

BIG THREE TALKS ON GERMANY

London, Jan. 24.
Big Three Power talks on Germany will open in London on Feb. 17 or 18, diplomatic sources said today.

The talks will deal with the problem of constituting Germany as a single economic unit through the merging of Bizonia with the French Zone of Occupation. They will also endeavour to lay down a definitive policy towards Germany and on the future administration of Western Germany.

The United States, Britain and France, it is understood, will be represented by the Foreign Ministers' deputies. They will have before them a report on the three-power preliminary talks which are now in progress in Berlin among the military representatives for Western Germany.
The Benelux countries will be kept informed on the London talks and decisions reached. They have been urged that their countries be associated with the forthcoming London deliberations on grounds that their future is largely dependent on this issue.
Their participation in the London talks is, however, not considered likely at the present stage.

Communist Witchhunt In U.K.?

London, Jan. 24.
The Daily Express said today that two former Communists, Dudley Brian Spalding, 25, and Ian Hutchison, 24, have been dismissed from the Government rocket research station at Westcott in Buckinghamshire.

The paper said the scientists claimed they were fired "as part of the witchhunt being carried on openly in America and not so openly in Britain."

The story said Hutchison quit the Communist Party three years ago and has announced that he has rejoined as a "proletarian" against the Government.—United Press.

ANTI-KEY MONEY

Shanghai, Jan. 24.
The Municipal authorities today were reported to be seeking new steps to end the city's key money practice whereby a person seeking a house or apartment is required to pay a huge sum in cash for the privilege of renting.

Recent efforts were futile because the anti-key money regulations lacked teeth.—United Press.

David Niven Weds



British Film Star David Niven, 37, is seen leaving Kensington Register Office, London, Jan. 14 with his bride, the former Mrs. Hjordis Paulina Tersmeden, 27, of Sweden. Niven's first wife died in 1946, after falling down stairs at a Hollywood party. Niven has two sons by his marriage, who are now aged two and five.—(A.P. Photo).

Russians "Afraid" Of Involvement

New York, Jan. 24.
Miss Anna Louise Strong, generally considered a Communist sympathizer, today declared that the Russians were so frightened over "becoming involved" in Manchuria that they "went home and pulled their border shut behind them."

Miss Strong addressed the first session of a three-day national conference on the American policy in China and the Far East, which was sponsored by the Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy. The Committee has been accused of being a Communist front.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a pre-conference meeting in a midtown stadium, Miss Strong said:
"Gen. George Marshall has admitted that there is no proof that there is any assistance given by Russia to the Chinese Communists." She went on to relate her experiences in her recent one and one-half year visit to Manchuria and North China.

"Here was Manchuria full of surplus food, wheat, meat, soybeans and butter—just crammed with surplus. Why, in Harbin meat was eight cents a pound in the open market and butter, wonderful creamery

butter, 25 cents a pound." She said the Manchurians were anxious to export this in exchange for commodities.

"The Russians could use that Manchurian food... but they would not trade across that border 1,000 miles long... because they were afraid of getting involved with the Chinese civil war; because they were afraid that Mr. Bullitt (former Ambassador William C. Bullitt who charged the Russians with aiding the Chinese Communists militarily) would accuse them of aiding the Chinese Communists." Miss Strong charged that United States planes and bullets are being used by Chiang Kai-shek's Government.

Dr. Endicott

Dr. James G. Endicott, described as former adviser to Chiang Kai-shek and former missionary to China, occupied the platform with Miss Strong.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the same group, Dr. Endicott said the Chinese students would develop an "undying hatred" for the United States should it continue "Operation Rat Hole," which he used to describe the United States policy in China. He urged the United States to decide on "Operation Reconstruction"—United Press.

Assassin Foiled

Seoul, Jan. 24.
Two plain-clothes bodyguards were injured seriously today in an assassination attempt against Metropolitan Police Chief Chang Tai-kang.

The chief suffered only a minor hand injury in this third attempt against his life in two years.
One of the attackers was captured and identified by police as Kim In Yung, 20, Seoul member of a Communist youth organisation.
A group of young Koreans launched the attack against the police chief as he entered his automobile to go to his office.

Envoy's Tribute To China

Shanghai, Jan. 24.
A warm tribute to China's gallant war of resistance was paid by Professor D. B. Copland, Australian Minister to China, in an "Australia Day" message issued today.
Without the resistance that China put up over eight long years, it would not have been possible to have held the enemy back from Australian shores and Australia would have suffered the humiliation and distress of an invasion, Professor Copland said.

This was avoided largely because the Chinese people and their leaders had contained so many of the enemy's men and resources at a time when they might have gravely menaced the security and independence of Australia.

"It is appropriate that Australia should remember this on its National Day and express gratitude to and admiration for the Chinese Government and Chinese people for their endurance over so long a period."

Professor Copland said that Australia had co-operated in all international efforts to promote the rehabilitation and reconstruction of China and the Pacific area since the war ended. Next to the United States, he declared, Australia was the greatest contributor to UNRRA in China.

Fervent Hope

After expressing Australia's welcome to the entry of India, Pakistan and Ceylon as sister dominions in the British Commonwealth and congratulating the people of Burma and the Philippine Islands on their attainment of independence, Professor Copland continued:

"Political independence is conditional on economic progress and it is the fervent hope of the Australian people that the Chinese people and other millions of Asia peoples will be free to join in a great co-operative enterprise to raise their living standards.
"Australia is fortunate in enjoying a high standard of living and will readily assist others in attaining the same standard. At the same time, Australia is coming to recognise that China and other eastern countries have standards of civilization and culture to which she in her limited experience has not attained and from which she has much to learn."

Closer Association

"In this way, Australian life will be enriched by a closer association with the Chinese people.
"On behalf of the Australian Government and Australian people."

ASSAULT ON SEAMAN

Douglas Munro, 22, a seaman from the s.s. "Empire Brent", was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday afternoon after a reported beating by hoodlums in Tsingtau. His condition last night was reported to be fair.

Munro collapsed in Des Voeux Road Central, opposite the Gloucester Building, about 1.30 p.m. and was removed to hospital by the Police.

Up to a late hour last night the Kowloon Police were still investigating the alleged assault.

Brother And Sister On Incest Charge

Manchester, Jan. 24.
A brother and sister previously unaware of each other's existence, became so enamoured at their first meeting after 20 years' separation that today they found themselves facing trial for incest.

Alan Henry Hatt, 28, Military Police corporal who married in 1945, and Joyce Ellen Quechee Barnes, 28, the wife of a managing director, said each erroneously believed themselves illegitimate until they met.

Hatt told the police he discovered his sister's existence when he went to the Registry of Records and traced his parentage. When he went to her home and introduced himself he said he was "so happy I wept for joy."

"Soon I had to admit I was hopelessly in love with her," he told the police. "It was a very strange and affectionate love."
"No words can describe how I felt," Mrs. Barnes said. "I was very fond of him but nothing improper has ever taken place."
They were separated in childhood when their parents separated. Hatt went with his father and Mrs. Barnes to her foster parents.

THE WEATHER

An intense anticyclone is centred near Lake Baikal and from it a ridge extends to SE China. A deepening depression centred SE of Tokyo is moving NE and from it a trough extends S of the Loosha to a shallow depression over Indo-China.

Today's Forecast—Fresh northerly winds, cloudy, becoming partly cloudy late in the day.
Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 70.7 deg. Fahr. Minimum: 47.9 deg. Fahr. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 2.87 mm. (0.11 in.) against an average of 14.8 mm. (0.59 in.)
Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
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Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 24th day of January, 1948. THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED.

J. FINNIE,
Manager.

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V. WALKER,
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21st January, 1948.

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A grand Leap Year Dance will be held on Saturday 28th February from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Easter Dance will be held on Saturday 27th March. Tickets available from the Honorary Secretary or at the Club.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATION AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of members will be held at the office, 3rd floor, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, on Monday, January 26th, 1948, at 5 p.m.

GEO. T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hong Kong, Jan. 24th, 1948.

NOTICE

At its next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 27th January, the Rotary Club of Hongkong will hear Captain A. J. E. Luff, R.A.E.C., speak on "Re: Education in Occupied Germany." The meeting will take place in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

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Japanese Politics Riddled With Gangsterism

Need To Exterminate Vicious Elements

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

Prominent American occupation officials charged today that Japanese politics are honeycombed with graft and ridden with gangsterism. In public conference with members of the Japanese press, Mr. Guy J. Swope, former Governor of Puerto Rico, who is now a member of SCAP's government section, uttered a vigorous warning that certain vicious elements in Japanese politics must be exterminated.

"Unless by some means or other the people of Japan can free themselves from the cancer of corruption and graft in politics, their chances to enjoy the benefits of a free Government and free society are slight indeed," he said.

Mr. Swope added that many old influences which prevented the sound, orderly development of political parties are gone.

"The Gumbatau (military clique) have been eliminated and the power of the Zaibatsu (economic clique) has been broken, but today there are the Shin-yen-kaiyu (no rich) and Shinko-zaibatsu (new money clique) whose impact is being felt upon political parties and their operations," Mr. Swope said.

"Then there are the gangsters and black market racketeers who wield certain influence in politics. The extent of this can be guessed when it is recalled that one of the most notorious gangsters in the nation now in prison was almost elected a member of the present Diet."

Corrupt Influences

Mr. Swope charged that "there are many indications that evil and corrupt influences are playing a very important part in the politics of this nation."

"It seems significant that in Japan, while many small politicians are brought into court for improper practices, rarely if ever a national figure is arrested for corruption and graft," he added.

"Why is it they are never brought to the bar of justice? Is it because of a peculiar idea in Japan which places these who are on the top of the pile above the law?"—United Press.

Jewish Agency Wants A Militia Force

Lake Success, Jan. 23.

The immediate establishment of a Jewish militia in Palestine to consist of between 30,000 and 35,000 men was called for in a memorandum submitted to the United Nations Palestine Commission by the Jewish Agency today.

The Agency said the United Nations "carries a grave moral responsibility for ensuring that the end of the mandate does not find the inhabitants of the Jewish State inadequately defended against an aggression which has been openly threatened from many Arab quarters in and beyond Palestine."

The Jewish Agency also asked for a formal meeting with the United Nations Palestine Commission to discuss security problems. In its proposals on arms, the

Agency said the Jews would need air support for quick frontier reconnaissance and for the defence of isolated settlements.

The memorandum maintains that the equipment of the Palestine police and the Transjordan Frontier Force should be turned over to the United Nations Palestine Commission for use by both Jewish and Arab militia which would be prepared to maintain law and order in the two states.—Reuter.

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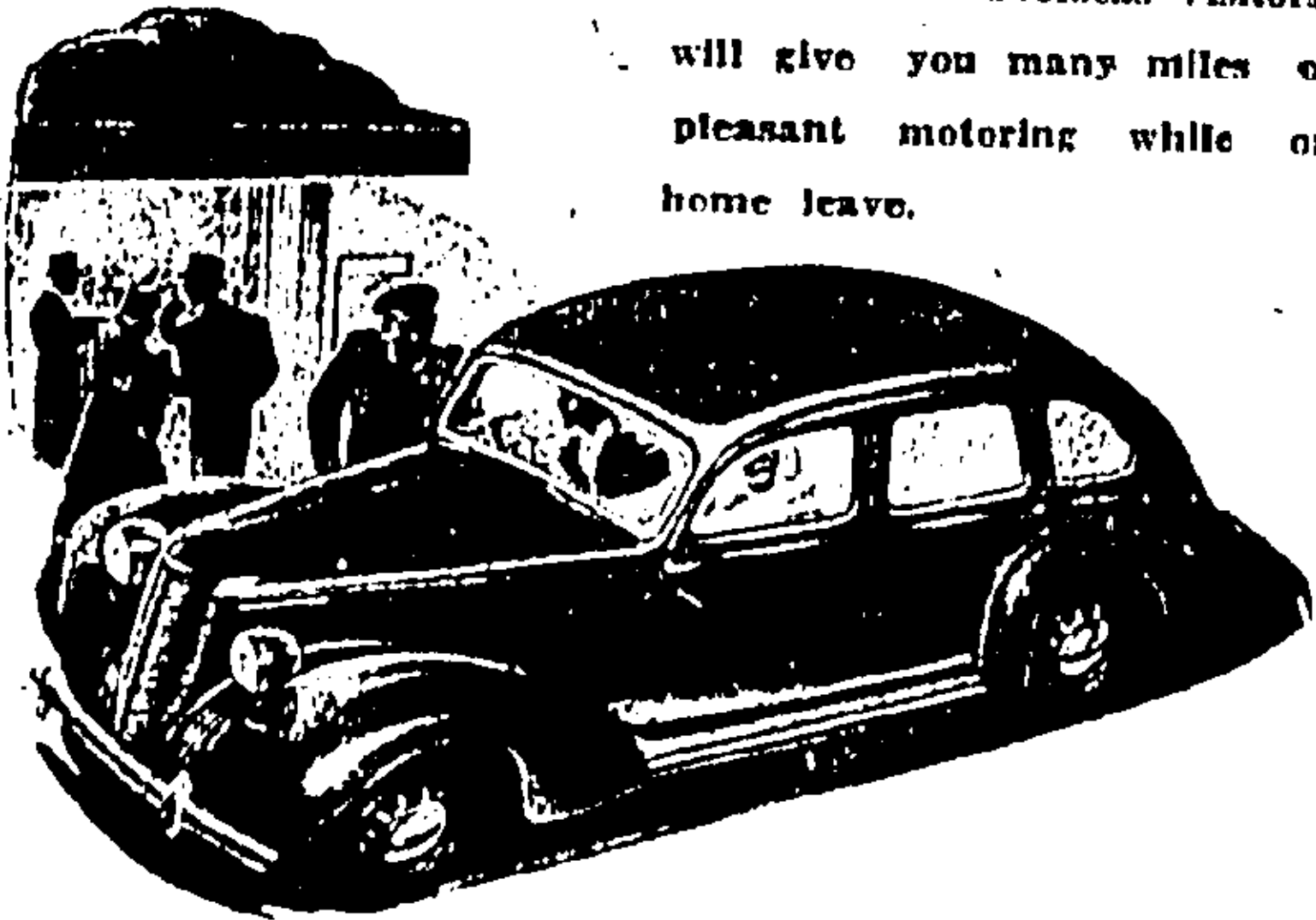
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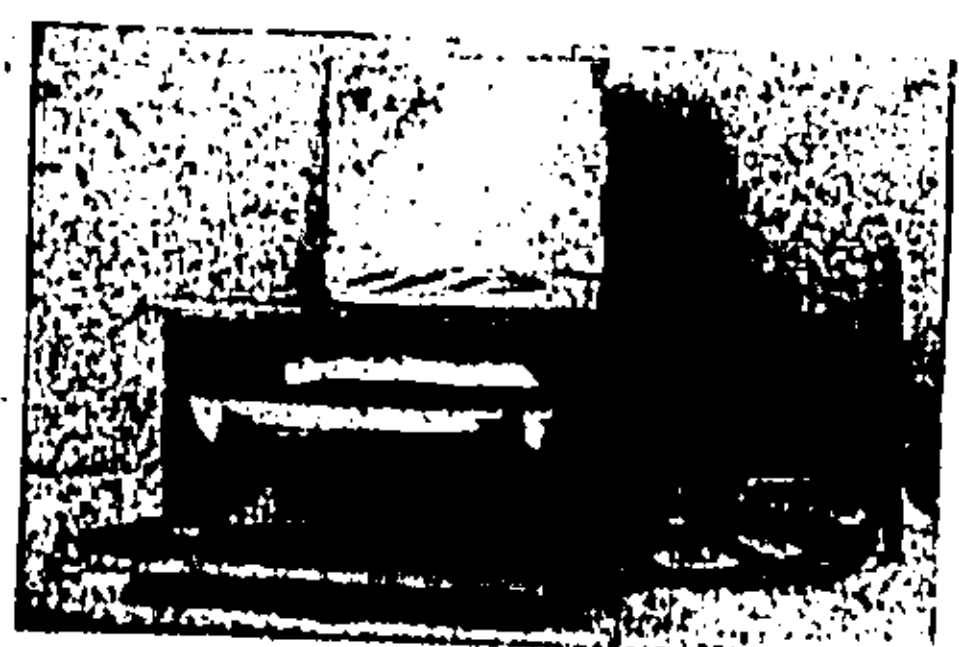
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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

By ARTHUR GEE

Solved

For some time now, a Dark Mystery has enveloped one dusty corner of ZBW. It was a mystery which puzzled the present-day staff, and they could not solve it. This was—past tense, for this was found the answer—the Mystery of the Ban on Jascha Heifetz. Not one of his records could be found anywhere in the broadcasting studio's library of gramophone records.

Furthermore, his very name had been expunged from the card-index system. In the files there lay a time-faded note reading "Recordings by Heifetz are not available for broadcasting." Obviously, there must have been a good reason for such a fate, but no one knew what it was. Every one knew the ban existed—even folk like Mr. Birch, of Moutrie's, and Mr. Strellett, who represents the Performing Rights Society—but none of them, for the life of them, knew why. This sounded like a good story.

The first thought when I tried to track the Grim Secret down was that perhaps Heifetz had done or said "something terrible" some twenty years or more ago. Now, Heifetz is one of the world's greatest living violinists. He made his first public appearance at the age of 4½, graduated from the Vilna School of Music at the age of 8, and at 15 was already acknowledged to be one of the foremost technicians of the violin.

He got out of Russia after the Revolution and subsequently became an American citizen. He visited the Far East both in 1923 and in the course of a world tour

nevertheless, that there was some purely local prejudice. I spent a lot of time on this angle, but fortunately before I reached the stage of getting the Colonial Secretary to take it up with His Excellency the Governor himself, I stumbled on what seems to be the right answer (or answers).

ANSWERS(S)

I found the Two Men Who Knew. Unfortunately, they both asked me not to divulge their identities, so I can't give you their names. Unfortunately, too, their versions don't exactly coincide. Anyway, it was nothing at all to do with Hong Kong—at least, not exclusively. Version No. 1 was that it had to do with subscriptions to the Musicians' Benevolent Fund. For some reason, Heifetz refused to subscribe to the fund. I don't know why, and in the absence of Heifetz's own version would only say I am sure he had a very good reason. Version No. 2 puts him in a kinder cause, and says that it was because he, one or two other American musicians' union heads, refused to join the American Musicians' union headed by that pocket dictator, Petrillo. This might well be the case. Anyway, there was a device of an argument over something involving Heifetz and certain others.

As you know, broadcasting studios the world over pay royalty to the Performing Rights Society every time they play a record. To hit back at him through his pocket, it was therefore decided that there should be a world-wide radio ban on his

Kreiser and Menuhin may be the more popular with the ordinary lover of music. Menuhin especially, thanks to no small measure to the fact that he reached his peak when broadcasting and the films had left their teething at the door and were able to present a truer version of him to a wider circle of music-lovers than had hitherto been possible. But Heifetz is the musician's violinist. Until you've heard Heifetz, you've not heard a violin played as only a master can play it.

Salute

Have you ever raised your hat in polite greeting to someone and had them cut you dead? If so, you will appreciate the feelings of a merchant ship which sailed from Hong Kong on Sunday last. The J.C.P.L. m.v. "Tjisadane" sailed for Amoy and Manila shortly after 2 p.m. As she passed the naval anchorage, she dipped her ensign in salute to H.M.S. "Sussex."

There were several small figures discernible on the quarter-deck of "Sussex," including no doubt the quartermaster whose many functions include keeping a weather eye for just such an event. Slowly, the "Tjisadane" sailed past, probably not more than three-quarters of a cable's length away from the naval ship. No one on board "Sussex" took any notice of her and when her stern finally was well clear of the warship's stem, "Tjisadane" hoisted her ensign close-up and went about her business.

CARTOON

By STAN HILL

WE MUST ASK YOU TO FORGIVE US FOR DRAWING A FEW MORE PONIES, BUT WE JUST LOVE THE DEAR CREATURES, SO MUCH SO IN FACT, THAT WE'D LIKE TO TELL THEM—(REST OF SENTENCE CENSORED. EDITOR S.H.)



which lasted from 1925 to 1927. He included Hong Kong in his itinerary and gave a performance before a packed house in the Queen's Cinema. Had something happened then? I wondered. I spoke to several people who remembered his visit.

AN UPROAR

Had he said or done something he shouldn't have? I asked. Well, there was a slight uproar when he came onto the stage and refused to play because of the draught; screens were hastily rigged and after some delay, the concert went through as per schedule. But it could hardly have been that. Even had that been nothing more than a petty display of artistic temperament, it would have been readily forgiven in a Heifetz. As the Queen's Cinema is still so draughty, however, I think his audience, far from disapproving, was probably heartily in agreement with Jascha.

Someone else remembered that when he left Heifetz commented that Hong Kong was "a musical desert." Again, that hardly seemed sufficient reason to ban him from ZBW. It is very largely true today—although one or two promising oases seem to be coming into being—and no real music-lover would bear him a grudge for a remark like that.

No, none of these side-lights on his Hong Kong visit provided any sort of a clue. The fact that the BBC, and other radio stations all over the world, frequently put on Heifetz recordings—there was at least one in the Overseas Service last week—seemed to indicate,

recordings. From the fact that to-day you can hear broadcasts of Heifetz records it would appear the whole matter has been settled amicably—but for some reason ZBW, Hong Kong, has yet to be notified!

"NO OBJECTION"

Mr. Strellett says he knows nothing about any of this, and has authorized me to quote him as saying that, in his capacity as representative of the Performing Rights Society, he has absolutely no objection to Heifetz records being broadcast from ZBW. That's official.

Now that it's all straightened out, I hope we can look forward to hearing Heifetz in the very near future. And it is something besides consolidating his claim to being the most gifted technician on the violin then banished from the public, he has since enhanced that of his stylistic and interpretative powers.

Nor is he the temperamental genius that the wee incident in the Queen's Cinema might lead you to think. On the contrary, as W. W. Cobbett has pointed out, Heifetz "is not what is known as a temperamental player, his aspirations being towards an art entirely free from exaggeration; but nothing more subtle in expression or more perfectly balanced has been heard than his interpretation of the works which the great masters have written for the violin."

A smart naval ship is noted not only for the quality of its paintwork and brass-work but also for its prompt replies to flag signals and salutes. This is even more the case when the ship concerned is not only a cruiser but is flying a senior officer's flag. P.S.—Of course, "Tjisadane" may not have been saluting "Sussex" at all—but then, who was she saluting?

The Gloucester

Back in the days when the Gee family Home consisted of one small back-room in the Gloucester, we were but one of the many who cooked their own meals in their rooms. At first, everything was done secretly. Our particular room had an enclosed verandah looking onto the well, and curtains were rigged so that one half became a nursery for young Fenny and the other a "kitchen," complete with portable Moffat cooker and extra hot-plate.

The "Old Lady"—as Amah was called—was not only a baby amah but also a wash amah and a cook amah as well. She entered into the spirit of the thing with great glee, clucking her tongue when the small of fried fish percolated into the corridors and becoming an adept at whipping things out of sight when danger in the shape of an inquisitive boy came in sight.

We were in the hotel for the good part of a year and by the time we moved out had things down to a fine art—so much so

that one Christmas eleven people "sat down to dinner!" Towards the end, the original performance of hiding everything away no longer became necessary—the hotel tactfully telling us they knew all about it by adding the following item to the monthly bill—"To cooking and electricity, \$20." Very reasonable.

Before long, too, we became aware we were not the only folk to be doing this in an attempt to make ends meet. Some of our acquaintances, we found, even had their own refrigerators! The reason for all this was, of course, the high prices charged for different meals and the desire to have home-cooked chow in preference to the fare provided by restaurants.

I have to report, however, that such goings on are now definitely on the forbidden list in the Gloucester Hotel, as well as elsewhere. A letter and a circular have been sent to all residents from the management.

LETTER

"While it is desired that any unnecessary rules or regulations shall be avoided," says the letter, "the Hong Kong Electric Company holds the Hotel Management responsible for the proper observance of electric supply regulations. Breaches involve the risk of fire or serious accident, and cannot therefore be permitted."

"The present difficult housing situation has, of course, induced some Residents to 'settle down' in the Hotel and to convert their accommodation into something approaching self-contained service flats."

"The Hotel is not designed to meet this particular demand and it is hoped that Residents will be content to occupy their accommodation as for normal Hotel use."

CIRCULAR

"Upon a recent inspection of the electric wiring installation of the Gloucester Hotel (says the circular), it was found that many additional points have been installed and in a number of instances the lighting supply was being used for the purpose of operating privately-installed electrical appliances. These, in accordance with the regulations of the Hong Kong Electric Company, may only be operated from the Power circuit."

"In order to comply with the Hong Kong Electric Company's regulations, it will be necessary to disconnect some points now in use and to require Residents who are now doing so to discontinue using the lighting supply for appliances which should be operated on Power."

"MEALS!"

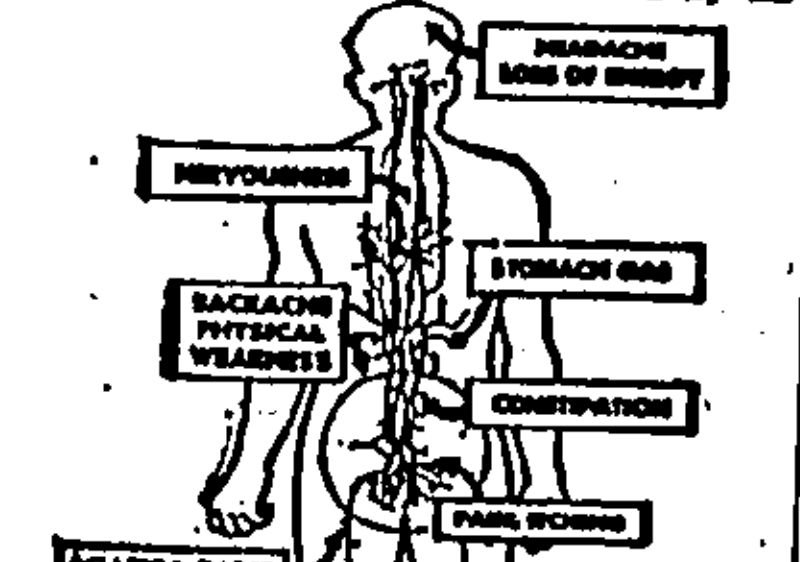
"It was found also that some Residents are making a practice of preparing meals in their rooms, using the Hotel electric power and lighting supply for their hot-plates, etc. While the special circumstances prevailing at the present time are fully recognised, Residents are informed that, with a few exceptions (e.g. preparing food for a baby), they are expected to have their meals in the Hotel Dining Room or in one of the several Restaurants in the vicinity, rather than prepare them in their own rooms."

"A further Circular will be sent out shortly inviting Residents to register privately-installed electrical appliances so that formal permission may be given in approved cases and the proper charge made for current consumed."

Before the rush starts and the Classified Advt. column is full of them, would anyone like to buy my Moffat?

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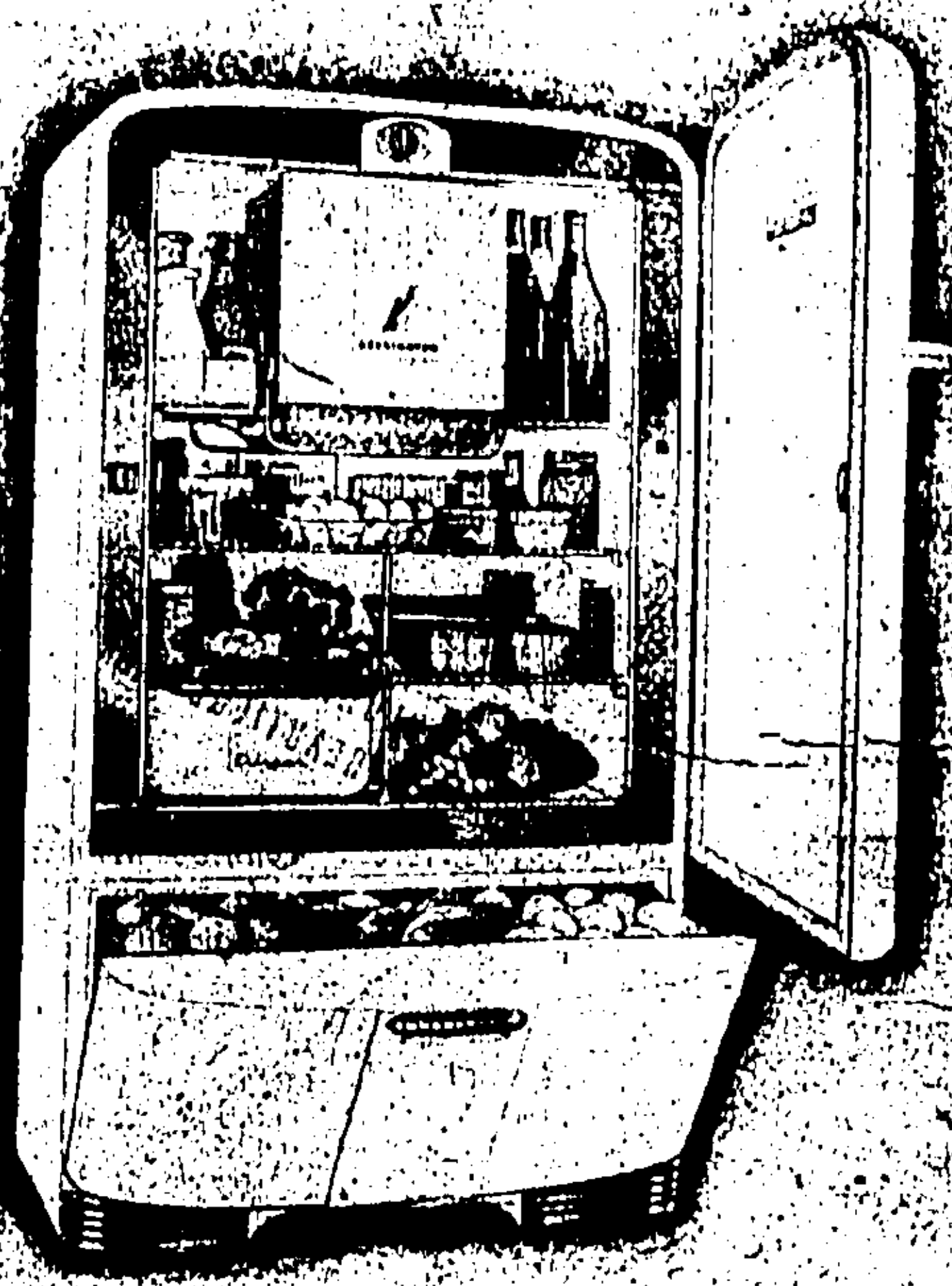
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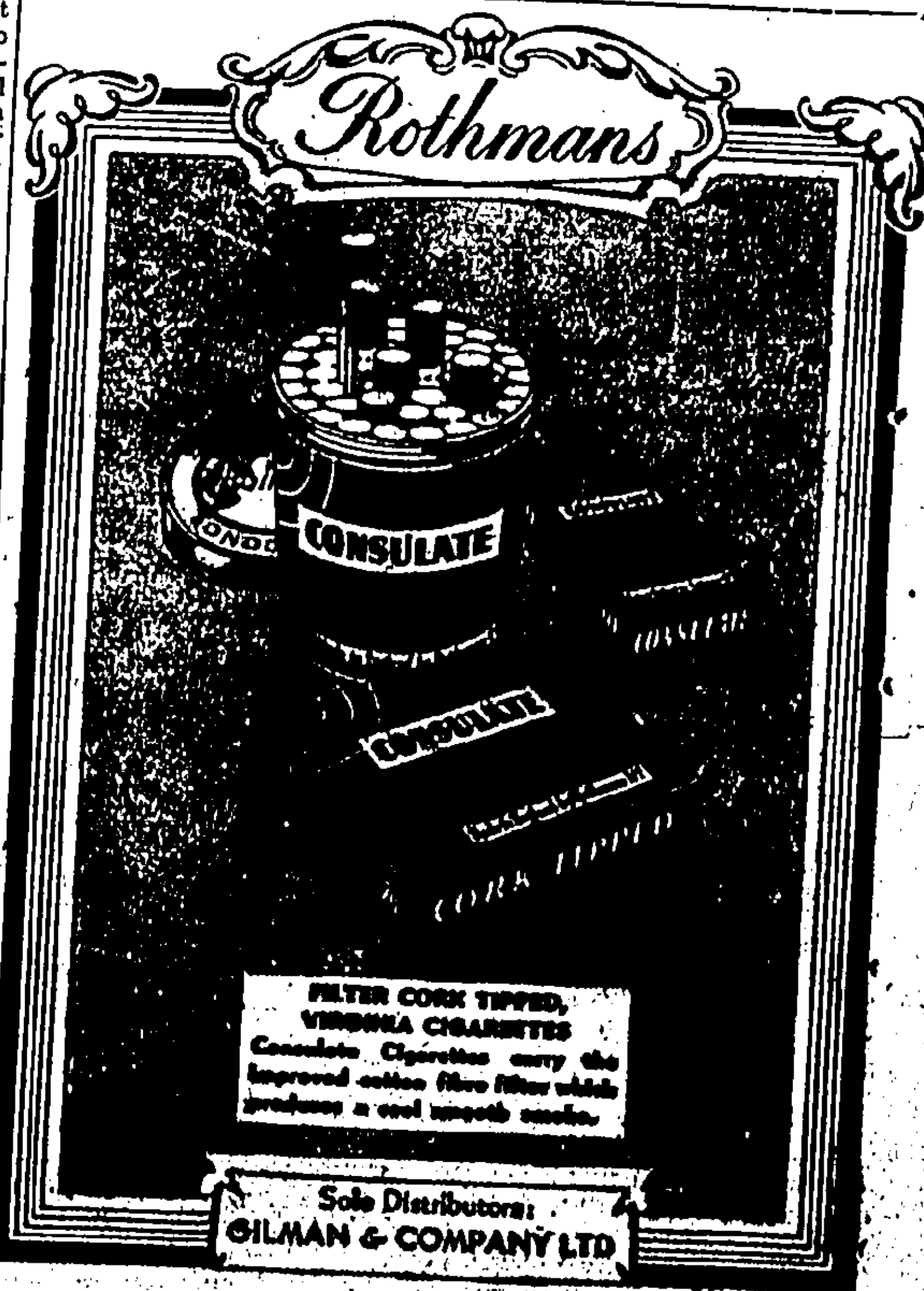
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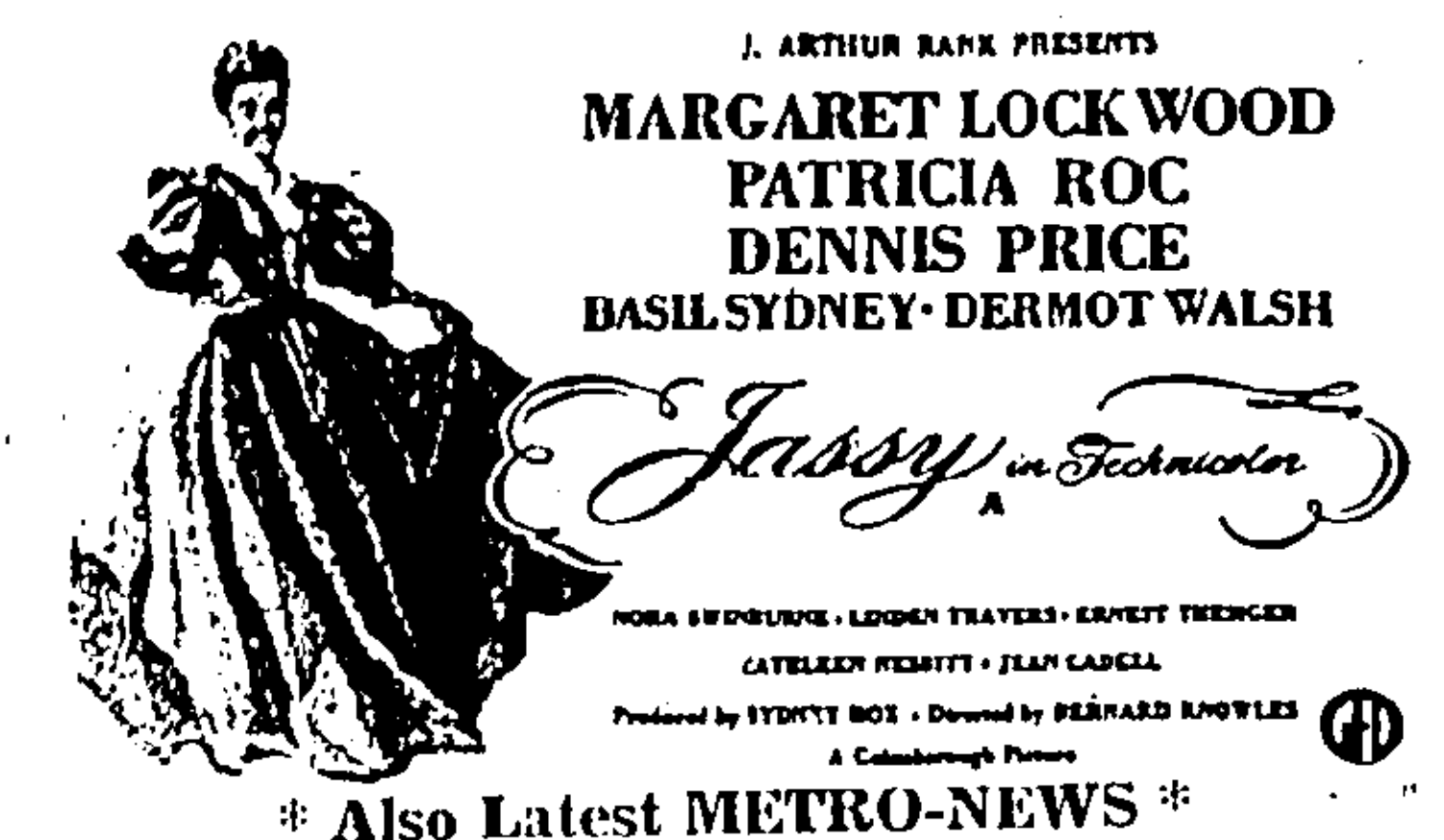
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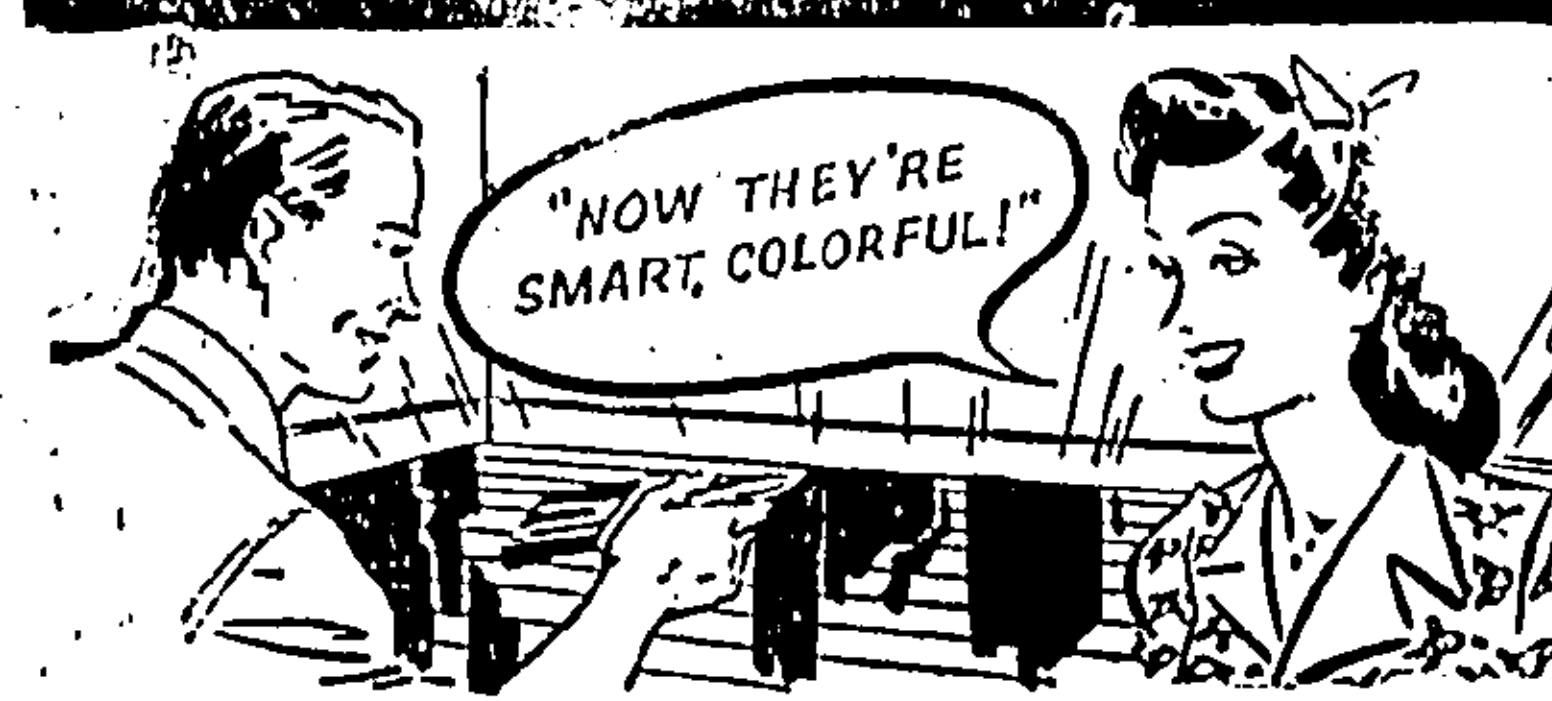
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Protest At Halving Of Fat Ration

Munich, Jan. 23. Bavaria, the largest state in the United States Zone of Germany, was paralysed today by a 24-hour general strike of nearly 1,000,000 workers and railwaymen which started at midnight. The strike was called by the Bavarian Trade Union Council in protest against the halving of the fat ration, the reduction of the meat ration by 25 per cent, and the rejection by the Bavarian Government of the Communist proposal to end food hoarding.

Aerial Exploration Of China

Nanking, Jan. 24. The balloon millionaire, Milton Reynolds, today faced rigid Chinese Government control over his planned aerial explorations of China's unknown Western regions with the possibility that many findings will not be revealed.

Dr. Sah Pong-tung, Secretary General of the Academia Sinica, revealed at a press conference that the National Defense Ministry will establish a military liaison office in Cheungtu in Szechuan, which will be the expedition's base—to screen findings and control the expedition's movements. Sah added that the Government likewise would decide what parts of the expedition's reports would be made public. He explained that the procedure is a normal requirement of all Governments and is necessary to safeguard national defence and topographical secrets. He said that Reynolds agreed to the requirements.

The agreement which Sah is negotiating with Bradford H. Washburn, Director of the Boston Museum of Science acting on behalf of Reynolds, also will contain technical details governing Chinese cooperation and participation. Reynolds, who was also at the news conference, said he and the Chinese scientists are in perfect agreement on all points and expected to sign formal papers in time to permit the expedition to be launched on schedule. Reynolds plans to return to the United States soon to prepare for the expedition.—United Press.

U.S. May Close Consulate

Washington, Jan. 23. The State Department has begun steps to shut down the American Consulate at Changchun, Manchuria, because the city is almost completely isolated by Chinese Communists. Consul Allen C. Siebens has received instructions to make certain that all private American citizens are safely out of the beleaguered city. This was described by officials here as a preparatory measure, preceding instructions to Siebens to leave the city for Mukden.—Associated Press.

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Washington, Jan. 23. Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder said today the Treasury has "no intention of letting the prices of Government bonds go below par." He said the drop in prices of U.S. Government bonds sold on the market resulted from "cooperative action of the Federal Reserve system and the Treasury to tighten up on inflationary pressure."—Associated Press.

All trains, including military transport, came to a standstill last night.

Strike leaders warned the Bavarian Government that if their meeting with the Cabinet failed to produce results, the 24-hour strike might be prolonged.

The strike was reported to be spreading to other parts of the Zone, but trade union officials in these refused Communist proposals to join.

In Wiesbaden, Hesse, yesterday, more than 1,600 industrial workers voted to join 7,000 factory workers who have been on strike since Monday.

Major General George P. Hays, the acting United States Military Governor, said in Berlin that he would not interfere in the Bavarian strike unless it got out of hand and American security was threatened.

A German Affair

"It is entirely a German affair, caused by the inefficiency of the German officials who have not been distributing the food efficiently," he said.

"It will probably be a demonstration rather than a strike—the same kind of thing as the people back home would organize to express their displeasure in similar circumstances."

Restaurants and cafes in Munich were not joining today's strike, the Union of Catering Establishments announced.

The Bizonal Control Office at Frankfurt has approved German proposals that states in Bizonia found withholding food produce from the common pool shall be punished by ration cuts.

The unrest and hunger strikes in the Ruhr were said by a spokesman of the Anglo-American Coal Control at Essen to have had "no appreciable effect on coal production."—Reuter.

Scientist Warns New York: "Danger!"

New York, Jan. 23. A Harvard scientist, Dr. L. Don Leet, professor of seismology, warned today that the city of New York should make preparations to combat the emergency of a possible disastrous earthquake which might strike some day in the future. He said New York, Boston and other cities on the East Coast should profit by the sad experience of the West Coast cities.

In his new book, "Causes of Catastrophe," Dr. Leet admitted that some seismologists may disagree with his reported "seismic province embracing New England and adjacent sections of north-eastern America in an epoch of increasing seismicity which probably has not yet passed its climax."

He reported that in years gone by the intervals between larger shocks have been decreasing, an indication of the approach of a new "epoch of increasing seismicity."

Dr. Leet said: "There is absolutely no way of knowing there will be as much as a single quake more in the next century, but experience in New England and other parts of the world indicate a strong probability that there will be more strong ones in the central and southern parts district."

Areas Of Weakness

He said there are some areas of weakness in New York city through Connecticut and elsewhere in New England. He said cities in the eastern United States should redesign themselves to the possibility of an earthquake and added that steps have already been taken to prevent a repetition of the San Francisco fire. "There lie the first requirements of quake-proofing any city," Dr. Leet said. "Fire is a specific hazard (95 per cent. to the total damage in San Francisco and Tokyo), which can be guarded against."—United Press.

London, Jan. 23. It was announced today that Lieutenant-General Sir Evelyn Barker, formerly General Officer Commanding the British troops in Palestine, is to be the 1948 President of the Army Rifle Association.—Reuter.

SUBWAY FOR LISBON?

Lisbon, Jan. 24. The Lisbon Underground Railway has passed from the dream stage to a concrete plan which has been discussed by the Municipal Chamber.

The Mayor and Corporation have decided to establish an organization to study all aspects of the case. It has three years in which to decide whether the scheme shall be put into operation.—Associated Press.

Shot In The Dark

Seoul, Jan. 23. The United Nations Korean Commission announced tonight it wants to consult nine Korean political leaders and will broadcast invitations to those in the Russian controlled Northern half of the country.

The Commission did not indicate how it expected those in the north to reply even if they heard the invitations and wanted to respond.

The Commission itself, seeking to arrange an election for a united, independent Korea, still has no word on whether it will be permitted to enter the Russian zone.—AP.

American Girl Now A Buddhist Nun

Colombo, Jan. 23. An American woman, whose interest in Buddhism was awakened in her undergraduate days at Oregon State University, has found happiness in her ordination as a Buddhist nun at Vajirarama Temple here.

She was Mrs. Beatrice Hunt Winans, who took the name of Bhikkhuni Soma when she was ordained recently by Bhikku Kussapa, who was Dr. Cassius A. Pereira. Dr. Pereira was a widely-known authority on Buddhism even before he became a Buddhist monk.

Sister Soma made her act of renunciation when she left her husband and two sons to come to Ceylon and become a Buddhist nun. Her interest in Buddhism began when she first encountered Buddhist texts published by the Oxford University Press.

Some years ago, she attended lectures delivered by Bhikku Silavansa, an American-Portuguese Buddhist monk who studied at Polgasduwa, in Ceylon. Polgasduwa is a hermitage of German Buddhist monks. Mrs. Winans accompanied Bhikku Silavansa to Ceylon from the United States last November and decided to take the vows.

Her head now is shorn and she wears a yellow robe. "I am very happy in these robes," she said. "For years, I planned and waited for this."

Ex-Newspaper Woman. Of herself and her past, she would say nothing. Six married reporters questioned with a smiling remark: "I did not work on a newspaper for nothing."

An American Buddhist monk, Seelawansa Thero, who was John Silva of California in his lay life, recently was reordained at a solemn ceremony at a historic Buddhist temple at Kandy.

Bhikku Seelawansa first was ordained about 20 years ago at Polgasduwa where he spent a number of years. Later he went to Thailand and received higher ordination.

Reordained, he planned to live henceforth on the Buddhist-beloved Island of Lanka (Ceylon).—United Press.

Tribute To Chief Bard

Cardiff, Jan. 23. Welshmen today paid tribute to "Elfed" (Reverend Elfed Lewis) preacher, bard and writer of over 200 hymns, who after 70 years of preaching still occupies the pulpit nearly every Sunday.

People from all over Wales gathered at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff, to pay homage to Mr. Lewis who, despite his age of 88 and blindness, remains an outstanding figure in the religious life of Wales. He was chief bard of Wales in 1894 and was crowned bard in 1888. He spent most of his ministry in England.—Reuter.

Tobacco "Mystery" Solved

London, Jan. 23. Replying to a question raised in the House of Commons, the Board of Trade President, Mr. Harold Wilson, said that no purchases of tobacco from America had taken place since the end of October, but tobacco bought before then was still arriving and would continue to arrive for some time. No decision had been taken as to the date on which the purchases would be resumed.—Reuter.

Fishermen Drifted For 24 Days

San Francisco, Jan. 23. Hapsuji Fujikawa, 25, of Mokojima near Nagasaki, has related the dramatic saga of the rescue of five Japanese fishermen who drifted helplessly for 24 days in a 40-foot fishing boat without food and only a 10-day water supply.

The men were rescued on January 9 and brought here on board the tanker "Fleetwood" of the Pacific Far East Lines. They were in fairly good condition.

The Japanese were of the "Hakyo Maru" out of Mokojima on a one-day fishing trip. The engine broke down.

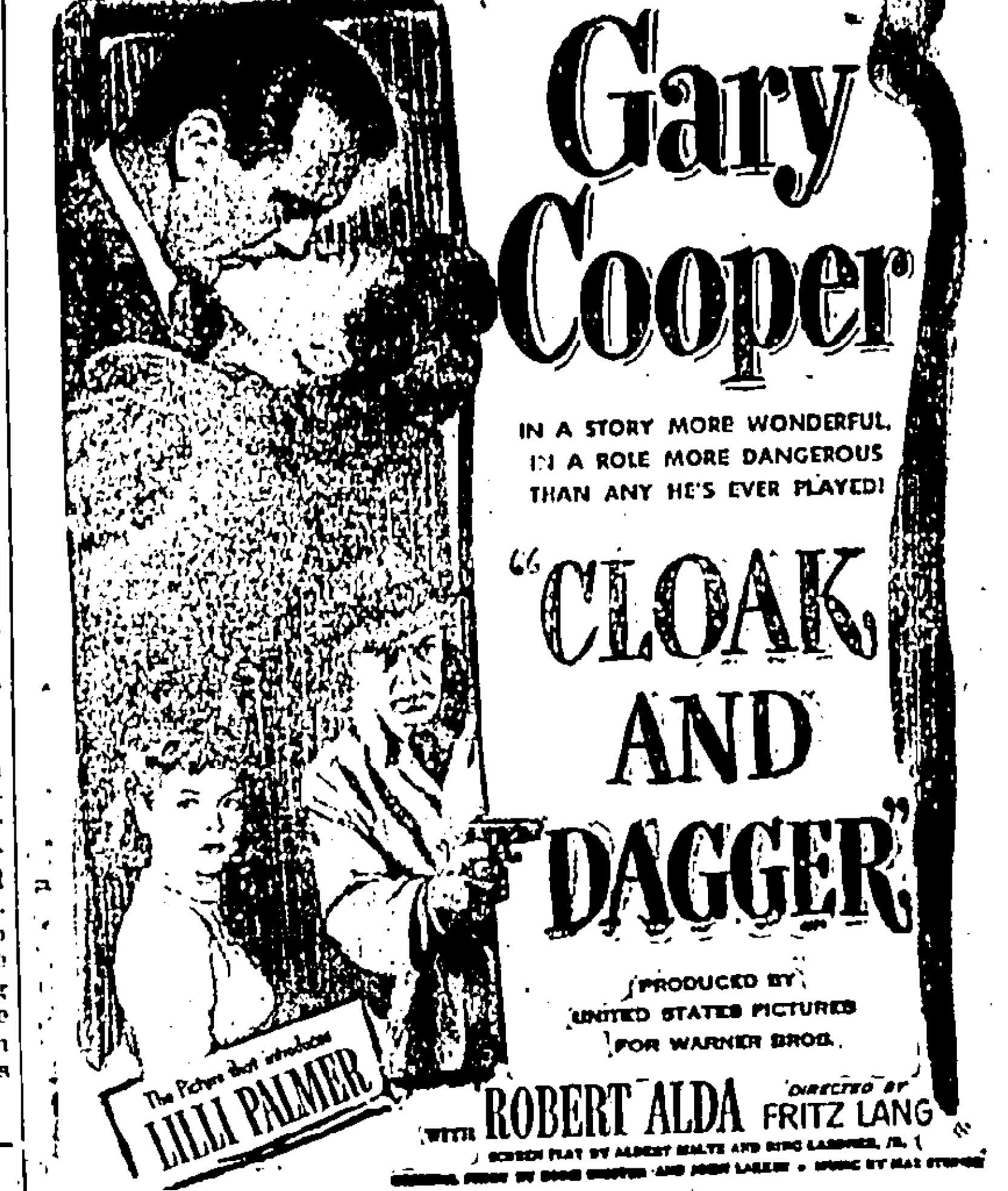
"In 10 days, our water was gone," Fujikawa related through an Immigration Service interpreter, "but none of us became ill or unconscious." He said they were plagued by wind and rain but all huddled in a small enclosed cabin.

"After 14 days we gave up hope and began to pray. We are all Buddhists. We were praying on the deck when we sighted the 'Fleetwood' bearing down upon us. We were happier than words can express."—Associated Press.

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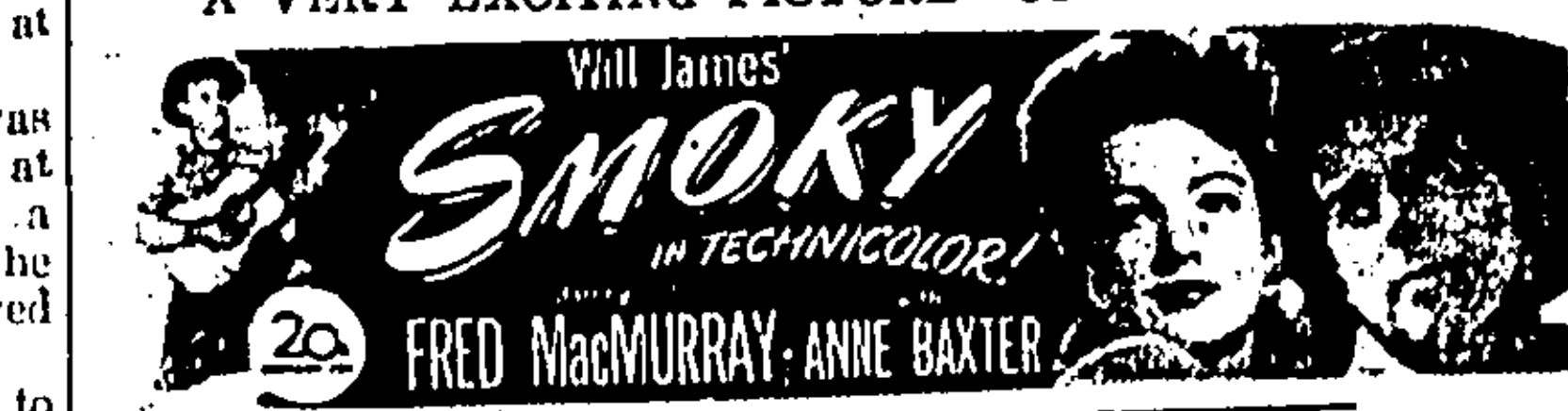


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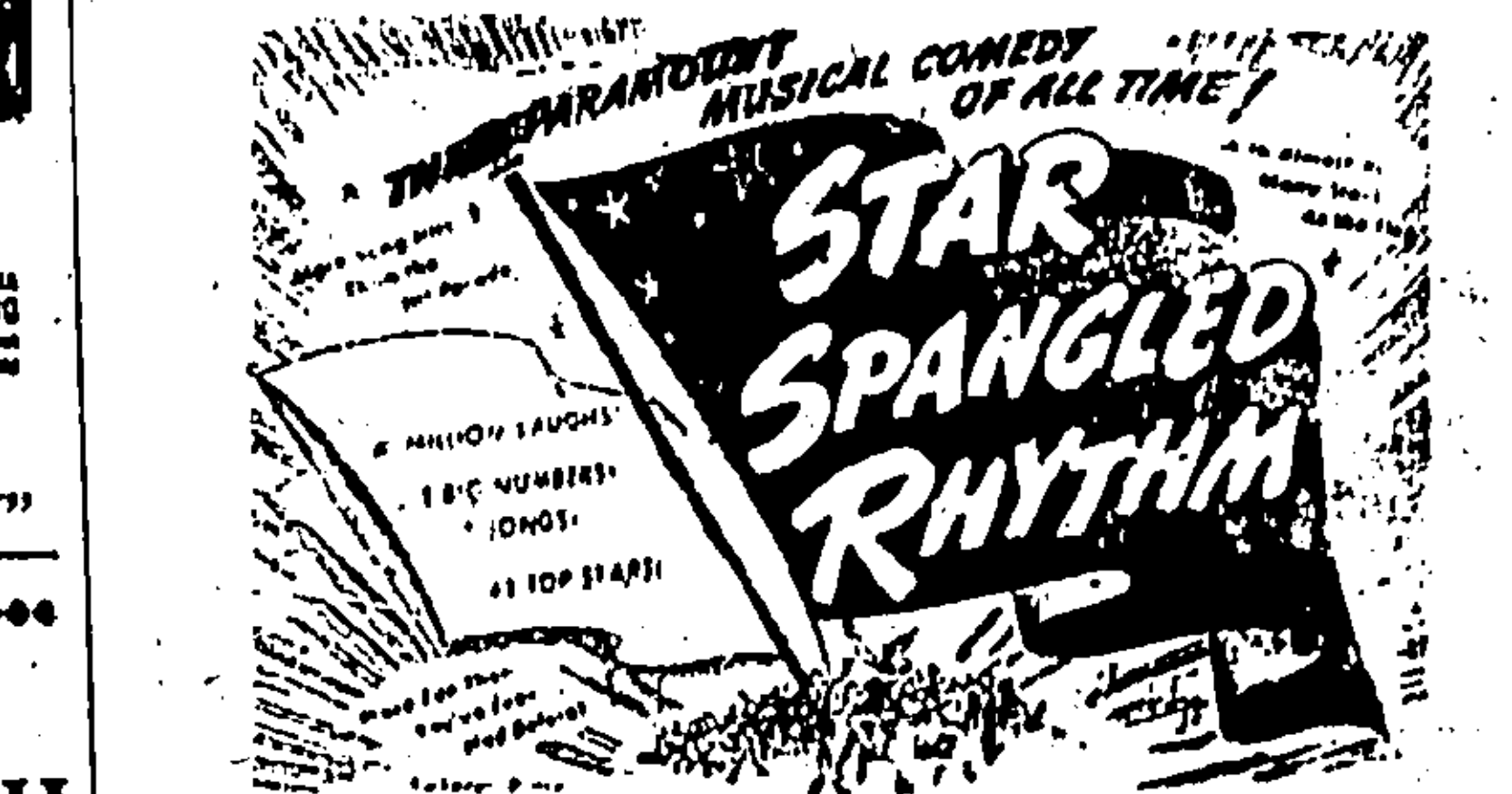
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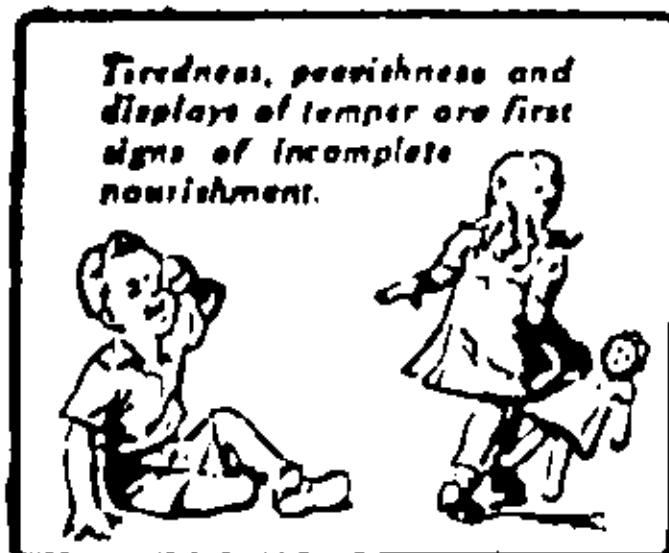
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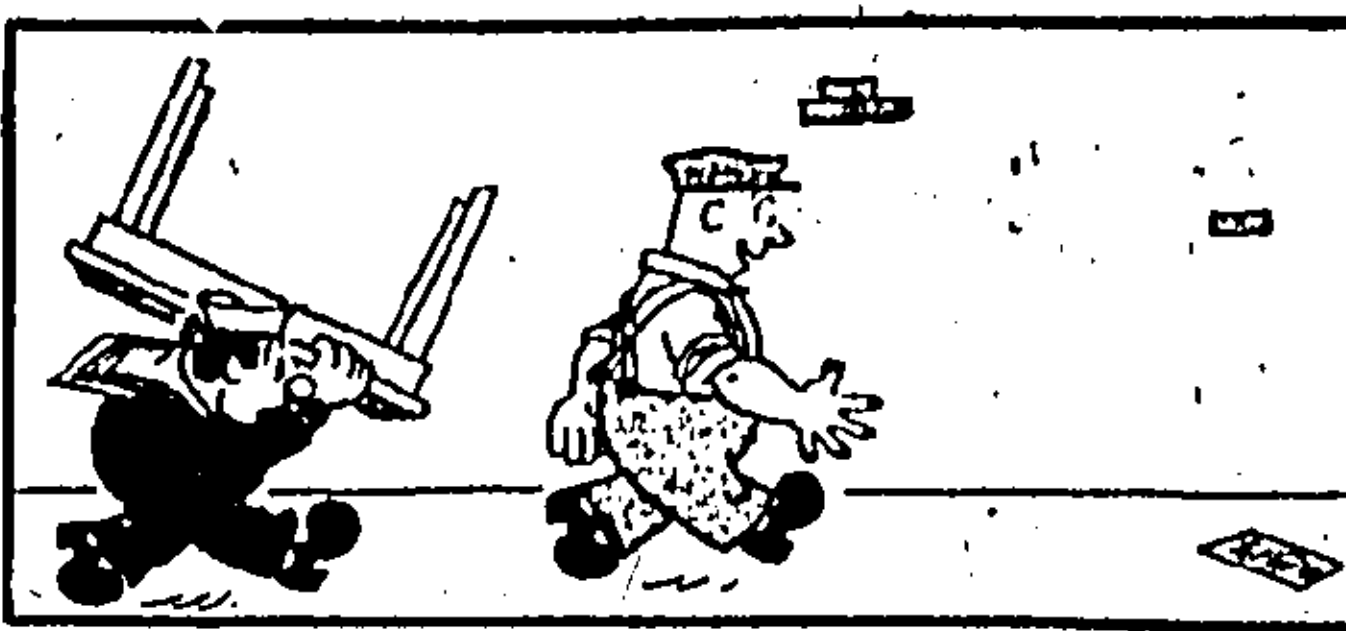
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MARSHALL—GREATEST LIVING AMERICAN

Don Iddon, Britain's ace commentator on the American Scene, turns his spotlight on to General (M-Plan) Marshall

statesman Bernard Baruch (also one of Churchill's dearest friends), but they do not meet often. Marshall is shy, aloof, austere, and only rarely unbending.

Unpredictable Man
One man shared his thoughts and company constantly. He was the late Field-Marshal Sir John Dill, former Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who represented Britain on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington.

Embarrassed Man
It is better than all the gushed accolades—"master strategist, engineer of victory, man of the year." Marshall is flattered by these laurel wreaths but feels they look rather grotesque perched on his head.

To-day, with his picture on the front cover of most magazines, he is probably more acutely embarrassed than at any time in his life. He has avoided the Press since his return from London, turned away the newsmen, sent brusque refusals to historians, authors, and plain journalists trying to see him.

General Marshall says: "No publicity will do me no harm, but some publicity will do me no good." It isn't true, but this shy, weary, worn man wants it that way and would undoubtedly be altogether more at ease if President Truman had allowed him to retire to his farm when the war was won.

He was tired then and said plainly that he thought he deserved a rest. He had his fill of glory and even duty, but within a few hours of the President's call he was flying to China on a special mission which ended in failure.

Dedicated Man
After that retirement seemed certain, but just a year ago Secretary of State James Byrnes stepped in and pushed—out and Marshall, the dedicated man, was offered the job of steering American foreign policy and trying to save the peace. He could not refuse, and did not.

Last June, in a mumbled, almost fumbled, sentence he suggested that if the European nations got together to form a recovery programme the U.S. would underwrite it. From this apparently casual proposal, made before Harvard undergraduates and professors, has come the Marshall Plan.

You have read a great deal about the Marshall Plan and will read more. This is about Marshall the Man.

Few people are close to George Marshall. Even the gay and easy-mannered Roosevelt, who called everyone by their first name at first meeting, always addressed him as "General," never as "George."

There are many of the Secretary's staff, top-ranking men, who never see him. He does not encourage intimacy and prefers to lunch alone at his desk on sandwiches and a glass of milk rather than sit around a table with his aides.

He has great personal dignity—it is not arrogance—and resents intrusion upon his privacy. To-day his closest friend is the older

Homeloving Man
These two were on first-name terms. They argued over Napoleon and Caesar, tramped around Gettysburg, boasted a little about their libraries, their horsemanship, their physical fitness. When Dill died Marshall wept. It was he who read the lesson at Dill's funeral. He chose a passage from Romans:

Neither Death nor Life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.

No one has ever replaced Dill as Marshall's friend. Marshall has no children. His first wife, Elizabeth Coles, died in 1927 after a quarter of a century of marriage. In 1930 he married Katherine Boyce Tupper, a widow with three children and the daughter of a clergyman.

Their home life is peaceful and without blemish. It was dined with tragedy during the war when Mrs. Marshall's son was killed in Italy.

What little spare time Marshall has he spends with his wife. He shuns social occasions, club sessions, or card-playing with other men. Mrs. Marshall soothes and sustains him. She is a writer of talent, and in her book "Together," Anne of an Army Wife, she reveals her husband's deep religion, his dedication.

Sometimes Marshall would talk to her about the war, the sending of men into battle, the demotion of officers. "I cannot afford the luxury of sentiment they have failed."

To-day they live in a quiet Washington hotel apartment, with occasional visits to the General's country home at Leesburg, Virginia.

Last year Marshall spent a third of his time on trips scat-

tered over the world—to Moscow, London, Rio de Janeiro, to United Nations session in New York. Marshall, not given to much humour, has suggested that as a result Mrs. Marshall's second book should be called "Separated."

The General's day when he is in Washington follows a set pattern. He gets up at seven, reads the New York Times and Washington Post, eats a bacon and egg breakfast, and is driven to the State Department, arriving there between 8 and 8.30.

Memory Man
He does not follow the usual procedure, answering questions singly as they are asked, but gathers a whole harvest—as many as 20 questions at a time.

He never makes a note or needs to consult a document. With the questions arranged methodically in his mind he crisply gives the answers, starting with the first query and working through to the last.

It is a remarkable performance, but Marshall has a prodigious memory for everything but people's names. He still calls some of his closest friends by the wrong name, but no one seems to be able to do anything about it.

During the war he used to go to a blackboard or a map, and while he listened he would use a pointer, explaining strategy, talking quickly, firmly, with an arresting and vivid choice of language.

Humane Man
It was grasp of detail, the incredible retention of masses of figures and statistics, which so impressed President Truman when he was a Senator. Mr. Truman, it is hardly too much to say, hero-worships Marshall. The President has not been known to differ with him. Congress, while qualifying its regard somewhat, receives him with the greatest of respect.

I don't want to give you the impression that the man is a relentless machine. There is a deep humane side, too. Ask Mr. Joseph Abbate, the barber who has cut the General's hair for over six years. Mrs. Marshall says that "Whenever George feels fatigued he has his hair cut. . . the shorter his hair, the more buoyant he feels."

His father, a modest and a timber merchant of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, always told him never to let his hair grow too long. Recently the cutting of the thinning silver hair has been more frequent.

Mr. Abbate will tell you that when the General is not dictating letters from the barber's chair he will talk for minutes at a stretch about his life at the Virginia Military Institute from which he graduated.

He will talk about how he had to wait for thirty years to become a colonel, but how President Roosevelt made him Chief of Staff in 1939 when there were 54 major- and brigadier-generals senior to him.

Mr. Abbate will even tell you that General Marshall says he never could have accepted the rank of field-marshal because to be called Field-Marshal Marshall would sound ridiculous.

Not all the talking at the barber's is done by the General. Into his customer's ear Mr. Abbate has poured the life-story of himself and his folks back in Sicily.

Reading Man

The General must be interested, for he once sent a personal present by courier to Mr. Abbate's relatives during the campaign there. It is little flashes such as this which disclose the warm heart of the man.

For instance, Edward Stettinius, one-time Secretary of State, reveals that General Marshall used to find time in the middle of the war to send notes to Stettinius's schoolboy son. Marshall's hobbies are numerous, but he doesn't work at them very strenuously. He likes horse-riding, fishing, gardening—particularly cultivating some prize seeds Henry Wallace gave him—canoeing on the Potomac, and playing Chinese checkers.

The trouble is he has little time for any of these relaxations, and he is determined not to neglect his reading. His wife says: "He goes through a pile of books like a swarm of locusts devouring a green field."

He reads for pleasure (particularly Benjamin Franklin) at home and never takes State documents there. History, biography, military books are his favourites, but occasionally he will read an Agatha Christie.

Modest Man

In his youth (he is now 67) he was a fair football and tennis player and he enjoys watching both games now. His attention to duty is so strict, however, that it is a major occasion when he has time for sport. Once the President directed him formally to watch a game, sending the instruction by messenger from the White House.

General Marshall is a moderate drinker—perhaps a couple of bourbon old-fashioned before dinner, a glass of beer with his meal.

He likes simple food—steaks, roasts, fish and chips. He has been offered many hundreds of glasses of vodka and hundreds of pounds of caviar but has no great liking for either.

When he took off his uniform, a simple one with a minimum of ribbons, and became Secretary of State, he told his tailor to make him a dozen suits all looking alike. The tailor rebelled and persuaded him to accept two dark blue, two dark brown, two dark grey. His taste in ties is conservative.

The General's health is described by his doctors as excellent. He himself says it is satisfactory and confesses occasionally to being tired.

This is hardly surprising since at the moment he is carrying half of Europe on his back.

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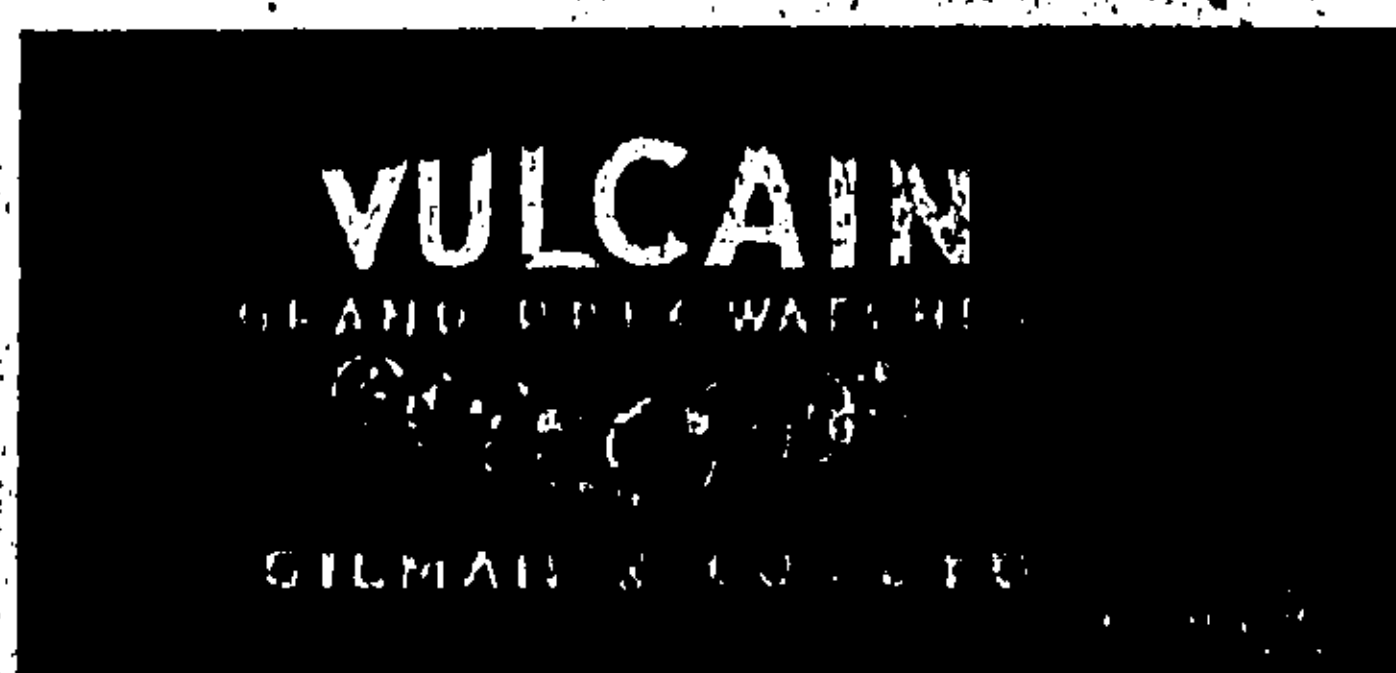
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Brooke-Popham Despatches "Heavy With Error, Miscalculation"

Singapore, Jan. 23. The "Singapore Free Press," commenting on the despatch of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander in Chief, Far East, 1940-1941, published today, said the failure to recognise that Japan would strike was "the most serious entry of all in a docket heavy with error and miscalculation."

Test Of Right To Happiness

London, Jan. 23. British ex-service husbands of Russian-born wives left the House of Lords' public library last night with a new hope, after hearing Lord Pakenham's promise to consider definite action to obtain the release of wives detained in Russia. Lord Vansittart suggested that the Russian Government be given one month to release the detained women. If they refused, the families of the staffs of Russian Government organisations now enjoying full amenities in Britain should be returned to their own country. Lord Pakenham refused to commit the Government to a snap decision on the suggestion but promised that it will be earnestly considered. Lord Vansittart, who had described the matter as a test case on the right of human beings to embark upon the pursuit of happiness, said that Britain had made 15 futile representations to Russia. All were treated with utter disregard.—Reuter.

Conferences With King Of The Belgians

Geneva, Jan. 23. Prince Baudouin, 17-year-old heir to the Belgian throne, was reported by the Swiss evening newspaper "Basler Nachrichten" tonight to have "categorically refused" to return to Belgium without his father, King Leopold. This was said to have been told to M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Premier, during the secret visit to King Leopold in Geneva last Sunday, the newspaper stated, without giving any source for the information. Other reports said that the exiled King and the Premier discussed the question of Prince Baudouin's return to undergo his military service. Other political circles were saying that talks between the King and M. Spaak would be on the return of the Prince and the other Royal children as the first step to a solution of the Belgian dynastic restoration.—Reuter.

DEATH ROLL IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Jan. 23. The death roll in the Arab-Jewish strife in the Holy Land since Dec. 1, when the United Nations approved the partition now totals over 1,000, according to unofficial Jewish figures. The Jews say 856 Arabs and 383 Jews were killed. Official figures compiled from casualties notified to the police give 383 Arabs, 355 Jews, 86 Britons and 21 civilians of other nationalities killed.—Reuter.

Another Attack On Herr Kopf

Berlin, Jan. 23. The Polish Military Mission in the British Zone of Germany applied today for the extradition as a war criminal of Wilhelm Kopf, the Social Democratic leader and Minister President of Lower Saxony.

A Polish spokesman, who accused Herr Kopf of having been an active member of the Nazi Party, said that when German troops invaded Poland, he went to Upper Silesia as a commercial representative, and having come to know people of influence there, managed to obtain an appointment as trustee of Polish and Jewish property.

The spokesman declared that Herr Kopf became chief of the Nazi organisation which disposed of confiscated Polish property and acted as delegate for the expropriation of Polish property in the territory which Hitler incorporated into the Reich.

"In 1945, after the Hitler regime had broken down, he wandered westward and applied to the British authorities posing as an opponent of the Nazis," the spokesman alleged.

"Slander"

The official spokesman of the Social Democratic Party declared at Hannover today that the Mission's accusations against Herr Kopf were "nothing but a continuation of the heightened attacks

The newspaper considered that though further despatches might cause distress, they should be published.

The English-language Chinese and Malay newspapers today featured a 9,000-word report of the despatch, and the "Malaya Tribune" declared the report would serve to "whet the appetite" for the despatches of Lieutenant General Arthur Ernest Percival, who was Commander in Chief in the Far East when Singapore fell.

The "Malaya Tribune" said the two principal questions left unanswered were:

"Why was the surrender made when the British Command had about 90,000 men to throw into action?"

"If the situation was hopeless, as it is now seen apparently to have been, why did General Wavell issue the spirit of Order of the Day on February 10, 1942, ordering all commanders to resist to the last and die at their posts rather than withdraw?"—Reuter.

Anglo-U.S. Chain Of Air Bases

London, Jan. 23. Representatives of Britain and the United States have discussed in London tentative plans for the setting up of a chain of Anglo-American tactical air bases in Cyrenaica, North Africa. Observers in London consider that such bases would probably be primarily in the Benghazi area with some at the eastern end of Cyrenaica, possibly around Tobruk. There is already a wartime aerodrome at El-Aden, outside Tobruk.

British troops evacuated from Palestine will probably be moved to Cyprus, Benghazi and Tripoli, it was reliably learned here today.

The new bases, the observers consider, would probably be smaller than the Air Transport Command bases which the United States is reopening at Mellaha, near Tripoli.

The future of any bases planned as the outcome of the present Anglo-American talks will, of course, be subject to the decision on the future of the former Italian colonies which the "Big Four" deputies may make later this year.

Britain's wartime pledge to Sayid Muhammad Idris El Senusi, chief of the Senusi tribes, that Cyrenaica should not be handed back to Italian rule in any form makes it at least possible that Britain's close connection with Cyrenaica will be maintained.

Air bases in Cyrenaica, even though temporary, would be useful in maintaining Anglo-American control of the Eastern Mediterranean and the approaches to the oil supplies of the Middle East after the evacuation of Palestine and pending the setting up by Britain of a more permanent base in East Africa.—Reuter.

Overdose Of Pills

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 23. While stage and screen actress Kay Francis lay seriously ill from an overdose of sleeping pills today, her stage manager Howard Graham was detained by police for five hours and then released. Graham was freed when Miss Francis regained consciousness and told police the cause of her illness.—Associated Press.

Attack On "Big Five" Veto Power

Lake Success, Jan. 23. The Argentine delegate today declared that the formation of a three-nation mediation team for the India-Pakistan dispute was "invalid legally." In a new attack on Big Five veto power, Senator Jose Arce based his charges on the fact that only the four great powers had voted for the Commission while Russia had abstained. He said this meant the mediation proposal did not get the concurring votes of all five permanent Council members as required in the United Nations Charter. Senator Arce insisted that all decisions passed by such votes were illegal under the Charter.—United Press.

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London, Jan. 24. The King and Queen will attend the unveiling of the memorial to President Roosevelt in Grosvenor Square, London, on April 12—the third anniversary of his death. Mrs. Roosevelt is specially coming to England to perform the unveiling.—Reuter.



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THE BRITON

"If we must try to adopt some of the stately bearing of the English. In the height of their anger and frustration they still remain witty stony. Of course we well know that Frenchmen are not blocks of ice-cold, emotionless humans that the British are, but there remains in our parliamentary eloquence too much of a lively taste for the long drawn-out and for the academic, and obviously this will not do."

M. Edmond Herriot, re-elected President of the French Assembly.

It does not seem to matter in what part of the world Britons go, they are immediately labelled as cold and emotionless, a sort of suppressed automata in whom does not rage the fires of wrath, or any other of those noble sentiments which seem to others to require violence of expression. It follows that if M. Herriot is right in his estimate the warm understanding which happily exists across La Manche is because the British have been "nursing a half-warmed fish" of affection for the French, and only half warmed at that because of the stoniness of the British bosom. That, of course, is not true. British affection for any people does not require ebullient displays of fervour, but is demonstrated in a quiet loyalty, a firm determination and an abiding confidence which does not need lip-service so much as actual performance.

The person who least understands the British is the Briton. That is, probably, because he takes himself and his fellows so much for granted, knows what he expects of himself and of those like him. Perhaps too, he is a little impressed by Albert Hubbard's advice about not taking this world too seriously: "You won't get out of it alive, anyhow." Perhaps again it is diet: too much stolidity—suet pudding, roast beef, and cold boiled mutton, and a little boiled cabbage. That is bound to have a sobering effect upon a race which looks upon a souffe with suspicion and an aspic with aversion. Again it is possible that this stoniness is but a question of reserving energy. If a Briton has decided to punch a man on the proboscis he proceeds to do so, without very many words. He does not announce his intention, not because he does not feel he ought to give warning, but simply because it is such a waste of strength. The punch is the thing, not the promise. The average Briton does not like too much disputation. He likes to hear what has to be said on either side of a question and then decide what has to be done about it, he likes "to cut the cackle and come to the 'issues'." It has its disadvantages, because it so often surprises others when they find a decision has been made while they have been making up their minds to talk about things. The British were more realistic than they are at present it is possible that they would become even more deadly than they are, but these stony bosoms hold vast storages of sentiment, largely untapped because according to the British code that "is not done."

Yet there must have been many who last November heard the full-throated roar of British loyalty as the Princess went to her wedding, and wondered at the enormous feeling which stimulated it. Others have been impressed by the manner in which Britons have faced trouble and possible disaster. May till this not be because the British are no different from other races, but—because of the past have through an individual discipline maintained a control over themselves which substitutes performance for mere displays of sentiment? The British are not a cold race. They are animated by just the same feelings as any other division of the human race. They give the impression of frigidity simply because of the restraint of Anglo-Saxon inhibitions, something they fear until those restraints have been reduced

J'ACCUSE

By H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E.

Nanking reports suggest that at times, as being made to separate the negotiations relating to the former Kowloon City, and the Shamen Outrages, and that there is a possibility of some compromise on the former issue. I trust that such reports are not true. Apprehension is the last policy that should be adopted in connection with the Kowloon City agitation, and that and the Shamen Outrages ought to be dealt with as strictly related issues.

The Kowloon City agitation has, from the outset been spurious. It started with a plot hatched by the Po On Magistrate, who when he was told by his Government that

"The establishment of an administration in Kowloon City by the Po On District Government is allowable."

conceived the idea of effecting a coup, and facing the British authorities with a fait accompli. This is clear from the article contributed to the *Sing Tao Wan Pao* by Fong Hsueh-kwan, former Secretary to the Po On District Government, on January 13. In this article it is made plain that the conspiracy originated in a plan to renege the area for the purposes of taxation. Presumably the Magistrate discovered that Kowloon City had formerly been in his district, and therefore decided to revive the claim for jurisdiction therein which has been dormant for nearly fifty years. Obviously he could not expect much in the way of taxes from the heap of rubble that now marks the site. But it would have formed a convenient method of blackmailing the British authorities. One rumour has it that Po On interests were anxious to establish gaming establishments in the area. Another report, printed by a contemporary, alleges that textile workers immigrating to Hongkong, were told that a portion of land in the Kowloon City area still belonged to the Chinese Government, and leased the land or huts from the Po On officials.

Missed The Bus

The conspiracy of the latter to set up jurisdiction within the former city area was frustrated by premature press disclosures. "I think," wrote Fong Hsueh-kwan, "that if the Magistrate of Po On had at that time swiftly sent a Head of 'Po' to Kowloon City, and established a 'Po' office there, he would have succeeded."

As he "missed the bus" the Magistrate had to wait until the eviction of Kowloon City squatters created an opportunity for launching a violently anti-British agitation. This has been encouraged, locally, by the Po On Magistrate, who has had the impudence to visit the site of the former City to distribute largesse, which, according to the statement of one of the squatters,

was accompanied by threats of dire punishment if they obeyed the Hongkong Government's orders.

The agitation spread to Canton, Shanghai and other centres, and it is significant that in Canton, no newspaper would publish any reports other than those furnished by the Central News Agency, the official Kowloon City organ. It was, therefore, from reports issued through this source that the Canton agitation developed.

The Canton authorities, high and low, cannot have been ignorant of the danger that the mob would get out of hand if permitted to enter Shamen. The fact that an anti-British procession was to take place on January 16 was widely known. The Canton correspondent of the *Sing Tao Jih Pao* gave warning in a message printed on the morning of January 16, that

"Unless military and police authorities give special protection to Shamen, it will be difficult to avoid the occurrence of trouble."

No Excuse

Yet no police or military precautions worth the name were taken. The British Consulate-General and the offices of several British firms were set fire to by a second wave of rioters about 1 p.m. And it was not until after 3 p.m. that troops arrived on the scene to disperse the mob—two and a half hours after the first wave of agitators had invaded Shamen. There can be no possible excuse or justification for this indifference and dilatoriness. The rioters had nearly two hours in which to wreak their fury on British property before any attempt was made to restore order.

It has been alleged that the rioting was instigated by Communists. This statement will not pass muster. At the head of the second wave of rioters were detachments of the San Min (Chu I) Youth Corps, who were at first mistaken by the British for troops coming to preserve order. This organization, which bears a strong resemblance to Hitler's Youth, has the special patronage of the Generalissimo. In his book, "China's Road," General Chiang Kai-shek urged all Chinese youths to join this Corps. "Since the Youth Corps is the unifying organization for youth under the 'Three Peoples' Principles,'" he wrote, "the youth of the entire nation must be directed by the Youth Corps. Only then can they decide upon a correct course, follow the right road, and not injure the State by injuring themselves." If a friendly Power gives the property of a friendly Power they are, presumably playing their part as a "unifying organization for youth" and following "the right road."

Shamen Pictures

Photos which appeared in *Sing Tao Jih Pao* on January 17 showed that uniforms predominated among

the crowds on Shamen. They also showed a prominent member of the Kuomintang, Lum Yik-chung at the preliminary meeting of agitators under the Sun Yat-sen Memorial, and heading the procession through the streets. Incidentally, the *Kung Shing Yat Po* on the same day, reported that it was members of the San Min Chu I Youth Corps who obstructed the Fire Brigade when the latter attempted to reach the Consulate buildings.

The rioters also included a number of uniformed students from Government and other Universities. The policy of suppressing or distorting news, which was largely responsible for the Shamen Outrages, has according to the *Huen Shing Pao* of January 22, been revived. This paper states that:

"With reference to the incident (sic) of the burning of the British Consulate at Canton during a demonstration, the Generalissimo's Headquarters has issued an order requiring all news items in connection with the incident to be issued through the Central News Agency only. Of course, all the Canton newspapers have to obey and act accordingly. Even newspapers published in Hongkong are subject to similar restrictions. Owing to the failure of two Hongkong newspapers to observe the instructions by publishing free reports of the incident, the Generalissimo's Headquarters and the Tangpu, the day before yesterday, gave instructions to the Newspaper Hawkers' Union in Canton disallowing the sale of these two newspapers."

I understand that the two papers affected are the *Sing Tao Jih Pao* and the *Kung Shing Yat Po*, from which I have quoted above. Factual or photographic evidence relating to the "incident" must not be brought to the attention of Chinese readers!

Public Inquiry

The British Government has called for a public inquiry into the Shamen Outrages, when the facts given above will probably be fully established. In the meantime, it might not unreasonably be suggested that China's protests over the Kowloon City squatters, which never had any basis in law, or fact, should be deposited in the waste-paper basket. The policy of appeasement, and goodwill, adopted by the British and Hongkong Governments, has only led to indefensible outrages on Shamen. The Chinese Government should not be permitted to imagine, for a moment, that the status of Kowloon can be added in mitigation of the insult to the British flag, and the destruction of British official and private property. This is not an occasion on which any question of saving China's "face" should be allowed to obscure or distort the issue, or minimize the enormity of the "incident" on Shamen on January 16.

What The Chinese Press Is Saying

New Life Evening Post: We do not approve of the people's total disregard of law and order in Canton; neither do we approve the shouting by the Hong Kong police in Kowloon City. We do, however, believe that the events were inevitable. Nevertheless, to break the law and cast reason aside is one of the biggest blunders in international affairs.

Incidents invariably result from weakness or force. The Kowloon City question fundamentally is a matter of law and order in Canton; it should be solved on the basis of the treaty concerned and international law.

Time and again we have stressed that neither party should attempt a derivative move while the subject in question was still under discussion. Unfortunately, our advice fell on deaf ears.

We do not wish to point to the unfortunate incidents as tests for the future prospects of Sino-British relations. But we do emphasize that unless the British and Chinese authorities review the events realistically, get at the roots of the question and adopt a different attitude than hitherto, there is no saying what future developments might result.

Huen Shing Pao: The Kowloon City question has become a tragedy. As a nation, we cannot allow the slightest infringement on our territorial jurisdiction, and from the viewpoint of democracy we deem the use of force to pull down the structures in Kowloon City, the shooting and the use of tear-gas by the police as not only damaging the dignity of the Chinese people but also contrary to British respect for basic human rights.

The Nanking Government had no intention of solving the jurisdiction question of Kowloon City. They merely wanted to use the subject to bargain with the Hong Kong authorities, and to divert public attention from other matters.

The burning down of the British Consulate in Canton is most regrettable. For the sake of Sino-British relations we hope the incident will

more often than not by the mere agents of conviviality. But it is to be believed that M. Herriot was simply trying to pay the British a delicate compliment, and has succeeded somewhat in embarrassing them, for they know that these hearts of British oak are not ice-cold, while as for British stoniness that disappeared when the butler went into munition making, or throwing hot metal at people the British did not like.

not be further aggravated. The question of jurisdiction over Kowloon City should be solved diplomatically. The Hong Kong Government must, however, bear the responsibility for the shooting in Kowloon City and the eviction of the people there. There is no reason why all these questions should not be settled reasonably.

Wah Kiu Yat Po: When the Chinese Republic was established, the position of China's borders with other countries was the same as during the Manchu Dynasty. The frontier with Burma is still unsettled today, and the Sikkim border is still in dispute. This shows that our border administration is weak.

It has been revealed that plans have been made for the setting up of a National Frontier Police Force to come into effect this year as soon as funds are approved by the State. National defence, naturally it is the main responsibility of the army. The other border duties such as checking of travellers, and maintenance of law and order are the responsibility of the National Frontier Police Force.

The National Frontier Police Force has an important mission and it will be interesting to see what kind of men are going to fill the ranks. In our opinion, the best-suited personnel would be ex-Servicemen. Although called a police force, it will be different from the ordinary police organization. Therefore, only men with military experience and some knowledge of border defence should be recruited. This is vitally important.

LONDON BRIDGE TRAIN CRASH

London, Jan. 23.
Three men were killed and 34 men and women were injured when a packed electric train from Ore, near Hastings, crashed into the rear of an empty stationary Brighton train at London Bridge station this morning.

Those killed included the motorman of the Ore train and a man who was standing by a book-stall on the platform. The other casualty was a learner motorman on the Ore train. His identity was not yet known.

The Ore train struck the Brighton train through the station buffers, demolishing a bookstall in which two assistants were trapped. The two railwaymen were trapped for three hours in the demolished cab.

Rescue parties used all kinds of tools, including a huge breakdown crane, in desperate efforts to free them, but when it became known that they were dying, a clergyman forced his way through the twisted metal to comfort them before they died. The two bodies were extricated later.

Nineteen of the injured passengers were taken to Guy's Hospital, many had miraculous escapes.

THE WASHINGTON DILEMMA

By SCRUTATOR

The Marshall Plan was fairly started on its way through Congress when the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate heard the evidence of Mr. Marshall himself. He took a bold and firm line; insisted on the Plan and nothing less than the Plan; and told his hearers quite plainly that its figures were minima and not maxima. That it would be costly to the United States he did not deny, but he argued that the alternative—a slide of the world into war—would be much costlier. At the same time he insisted that cheese-paring would be fatal; America would either succeed or fail; and she could not hope to succeed by half-measures.

The strong point about Mr. Marshall's argument is that it is true. Its weak point is that it is difficult to square with the manoeuvring of parties in advance of the Presidential election, now only nine months away. The more public-spirited Republicans typified by Senator Vandenberg have for two years displayed a notable patriotism in putting the foreign policy of the United States above party. But even they must want their party to win next autumn's election, and must hesitate before giving President Truman, through his Secretary of State, such a free hand as may fortify his claim to be re-elected. Will not countless voters feel that, if the Marshall Plan is adopted, Mr. Marshall should continue as Secretary of State to carry it out? Yet how could he, unless they vote for Mr. Truman?

The dilemma, in which the broader-minded Republicans thus find themselves, lies between sacrificing vital interests either of nation or of party. It is made sharper by the repercussion of foreign upon home policy. If the Plan goes through as designed, it will entail such an export of American goods to Europe as must, failing a system of controls, send up their prices in America. Mr. Truman recognises that, and has told Congress that controls are indispensable. It costs him little to say so, because his party does not dislike controls on principle. But it would cost the Republicans a great deal to admit it because the abolition of controls is one of their shibboleths.

Test for Democracy

The situation is nothing less than a challenge to the successful working of elective democracy. To base government upon the free vote of the governed is its essence. But the drawback is that, especially during the period of a general election, the dictates of national and party interest may cut sharply across one another. This must be felt in all democracies, and the desire to avoid it is one of the stock excuses for totalitarianism. But it is particularly felt under the American Constitution, because that allows only such brief intervals between general election—a mere two years—and insists on their then being held at fixed dates, irrespective of circumstances. The far more elastic British system, with quinquennial Parliaments and a large latitude for timing dissolutions in relation to circumstances, is not calculated to pose such dilemmas so sharply or so often, although it does pose them.

It would be futile for anybody on this side of the Atlantic to suggest solutions to the Republican leaders. But we can, at least, indicate to them that some solutions will not work. In particular, as has been said above, cheese-paring will not work. Yet the political temptation to it is here peculiarly strong. The narrower-minded wing of the Republican Party, headed by men like Senator Taft, is so reluctant to support anything which involves re-imposing controls that it may vote to the bitter end against the Marshall Plan. If numbers alone mattered, the Plan might nevertheless be carried by the combined votes of progressive Republicans and

Democrats. The objection is that on the eve of the Presidential election such an exhibition of party disunity would alienate voters from the Republican candidates.

Rather than do that, the two Republican wings may prefer to unite in rejecting the Plan and substituting another on a greatly restricted scale. As a solution of the party problem this would seem a natural course to take. But as a solution of the national and international problem it would risk being a dead failure.

It has been said that the Plan amounts to a piece of great generosity on the part of America. That is true, and we ought not to forget it. The American people is more open than most to impulses of pure humanity; when it hears of other people's hunger, it instinctively desires to relieve it. Yet neither truth nor prudence would permit Mr. Marshall to rest his case on that ground alone, even for the "stopgap" relief measure, still less for the longrange Plan. The other basis of both is that unless the countries of Western Europe receive help they cannot stand again on their feet, and unless they stand on their feet they will collapse into Communism, and become tools of a single aggressive Power with its capital at Moscow. Such a Power could render even British independence almost impossible to maintain, and would isolate the United States in a position of the utmost danger, where she could survive only by converting herself, as Mr. Louis Douglas said, into an armed camp.

Communism's Chance

In the conflict between totalitarianism and democracy it has become manifest that the first starts from conditions of misery, which breed subversive discontent, while the second thrives on conditions of prosperity, which breed constructive hope. Fundamentally, this contrast is in democracy's favour, since men's normal urge is to pass upwards through happiness into freedom, not downwards through distress into enslavement. But the history of two world wars and a world economic crisis has shown how the nation-wide derangement of a country's economy gives totalitarianism its chance.

That is how Lenin and Mussolini and Hitler each in his turn gained power. And the second world war, in which the Germans overran virtually all Europe, and left behind, when their tide receded, conditions of wreckage and physical and moral debilitation rarely paralleled in history, might seem to have created the very conditions which give totalitarianism its chance. It is not unremarkable that under those conditions not a single European country has thus far gone totalitarian, except those which were "liberated" by Russian armies and on which Communist regimes have since been imposed by external force.

Recovery nevertheless is desperately hard, and a number of accidents and misfits have heavily impeded it—in particular the series of bad harvests and the over-all shortages of coal. Communist propaganda has exploited every opening and done its best to keep production down and discontent up by organising anarchic strikes. And in this way the strain has been brought near breaking point, particularly in the two greatest nations involved—i.e., France and Italy. Nor without some sustained help from outside, such as the Marshall Plan, offers, can they be expected to surmount it.

Much can be done by self-help and much by mutual help; as, under the plan which the sixteen nations drew up in Paris, much will be. But it all leaves unremoved the need for American aid. Europe can no more dispense with that now than in 1919 it could dispense with the co-operation of the United States in the League of Nations. A tragic blame indeed would lie at the door of the Republican party if, after bringing about that first "great refusal," which made possible the second world war, it were now to motive a second "great refusal," with a third world war for its consequence.

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

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HE IS NOT THE ONLY ONE

Behind The Iron Curtain In Austria

By Antony Terry

A few weeks ago a middle-aged civil servant left his office in the International Zone of Vienna, strolled into the street and walked to where he normally caught the train home.

Before he had gone a few yards a car drew up alongside him and a Russian officer and two Russian military policemen alighted. After a few words with them the man entered their car, which drove off. He has not been seen since.

His name? Dr. Paul Katscher. His crime? He was a senior official of the Austrian railways, a dry-as-dust civil servant who thought in terms of the number of bogies in a railway engine, and who, in 1944, was locked up by the Nazis for being too "democratic."

He was said to be going to a conference of railway engineers at Geneva armed with the details of Austria's present railway position, in an attempt to exchange notes with his opposite numbers from other countries.

He had seen his railway colleagues in several Iron Curtain countries, including Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia.

Now he is presumably sitting in a Russian prison somewhere in Austria, probably being questioned on how he dared to visit anywhere outside the Iron Curtain. And he is not the only one.

For months now the Russian occupation forces in Austria have been carrying on an ever-intensifying campaign of secret arrests, kidnappings, and "mysterious disappearances."

The technique is usually the same. A car, an officer, and a few soldiers (though sometimes it is a lorry-load), and the job is done.

There is a brief note in one or two newspapers next day, possibly a meek protest by Austrian official sources, and the matter passes into oblivion.

Only a few days after the disappearance of Dr. Katscher a young Austrian named Wilfried Gunther, employed in the Austrian Government's civil censorship office in Vienna, went across the road from his office to have a cup of ersatz coffee at the canteen. He left—and that was the end of him as far as anyone knows. He simply was not seen again.

Full of Ramour

As an Englishman one tends to disbelieve this sort of story. South-East Europe is full of rumours.

But kidnappings in Vienna and the Russian zone of Austria are no longer in the rumour category. There is no doubt of it—the Russians mean business. They mean to get any Austrian who dares to think well of Britain and the United States.

So far the Russians have stopped short of kidnapping Allied nationals. But there was the case of Warrant Officer Barratt, the R.A.F. man who vanished in Hungary in 1945, and about whom questions were asked in Parliament some months ago. Exhaustive inquiries have failed to get any clue as to his fate.

But what is going on in Austria now is not the arrest of stragglers. It is a war of nerves carried out by the Soviet Secret Police with great precision and with the object of frightening the Austrians into obedience to Soviet wishes.

Although the point is hardly ever mentioned, there is a clause in the Allied Control Agreement to which the Russians are naturally a party, which makes it compulsory for every Austrian official to answer questions which a member of the Allied forces may put to him on his work.

By their policy of kidnappings the Russians are trying to make every Austrian official think twice before answering any questions put to him by British or American Control Commission officials.

It is not a clumsy showdown in the Hitler manner which is being planned in Austria. The Russians are making sure that whatever the outcome of the treaty negotiations there are not going to be any Austrians in leading positions who will not toe the line.

Recently the Russians imported a new Secret Police chief with a large staff, with an all-embracing brief to arrest any Austrian listed as likely to interfere with Russian plans. His name is General Mikhail Ilyitch Byelkin, and he is setting about his job thoroughly. Byelkin came to Vienna from Hungary. He was the brains behind the recent big purge there.

Kidnappings are not limited to Austrians. They include nationals of other Iron Curtain countries such as Yugoslavia and Poland, Hungary and Rumania. So far the Czechs seem to have been either lucky or more careful.

There was the case of the Hungarian writer, Zoltan Borbely, who

was kidnapped from a Hungarian cafe in Vienna a few months ago.

Presumably the Russians had against him that he was friendly with a number of Americans in Vienna and wanted to set up a Hungarian language newspaper in the U.S. zone of Austria which would have been critical of the present Government in Hungary. Nothing has been heard of him since, though he has probably been handed over to the Hungarian secret police.

When the Russians want a witness for one of their trials they don't bother about subpoenas, they just go out and grab him.

Alexander Rafay, a 45-year-old Hungarian liqueur factory owner from Budapest, came to the British zone of Austria in 1945 and settled there.

He presumably felt that former connections with the right-wing Smallholders' Party in Hungary and with the Conservative leader Bela Kovacs might be a good reason for staying away from home.

In February this year he received a telephone call from his girl friend in Budapest telling him to go to an address in Vienna.

Unfortunately for him, he followed her advice. He was kidnapped and his evidence figured largely in the show trials in Budapest of right-wing leaders this summer.

At the trial it was alleged that he was a go-between for the Smallholders' Party and former Hungarian Fascist generals living in the British zone of Austria, and stories were current in Budapest a few weeks ago that he had been released by the Russians as a reward for his evidence.

There will doubtless be many more to come. The Russians don't seem to care about world opinion, and these are their methods. "Do as we say, or else."

Siberia lies at the end of the journey.

SEEN IN THE STARS

By Frederick R. Ward

This is what the 1948 horoscope tells astrologers:

While our long-term prospects in Britain are encouraging, there is no indication that our present difficulties will be overcome quickly to include some new austerity measures, and problems in connection with dollar currency may become more acute.

There are indications, however, of a slow but steady improvement, thanks to the spirit of Britain's workers in the export drive. There will be momentous developments in our Colonial Empire, where the people, though handicapped by internal financial difficulties will make many personal sacrifices to maintain the rations in the Mother Country. There will be increased facilities for emigration.

Important changes will take place in broadcasting, and the British film industry will make great progress, perfecting arrangements for events to be televised as they occur, on the screens of cinemas. Increasing juvenile delinquency and the growing activities of criminals and black marketeers will provide problems for the police.

Indications are that there will be a Government crisis of first magnitude in early spring. Sudden death of a literary celebrity will be reported, and a mission to England by a

foreign notability will arouse great interest.

The influence of the planets Neptune and Saturn in the personal horoscope of Mr. Attlee indicates that he will prefer to inspire and direct his plans from behind the scenes, leaving the limelight of publicity to colleagues. In the horoscope of Mr. Winston Churchill the approaching trine aspect of the sun to the planet Jupiter indicates that he may figure in big national developments.

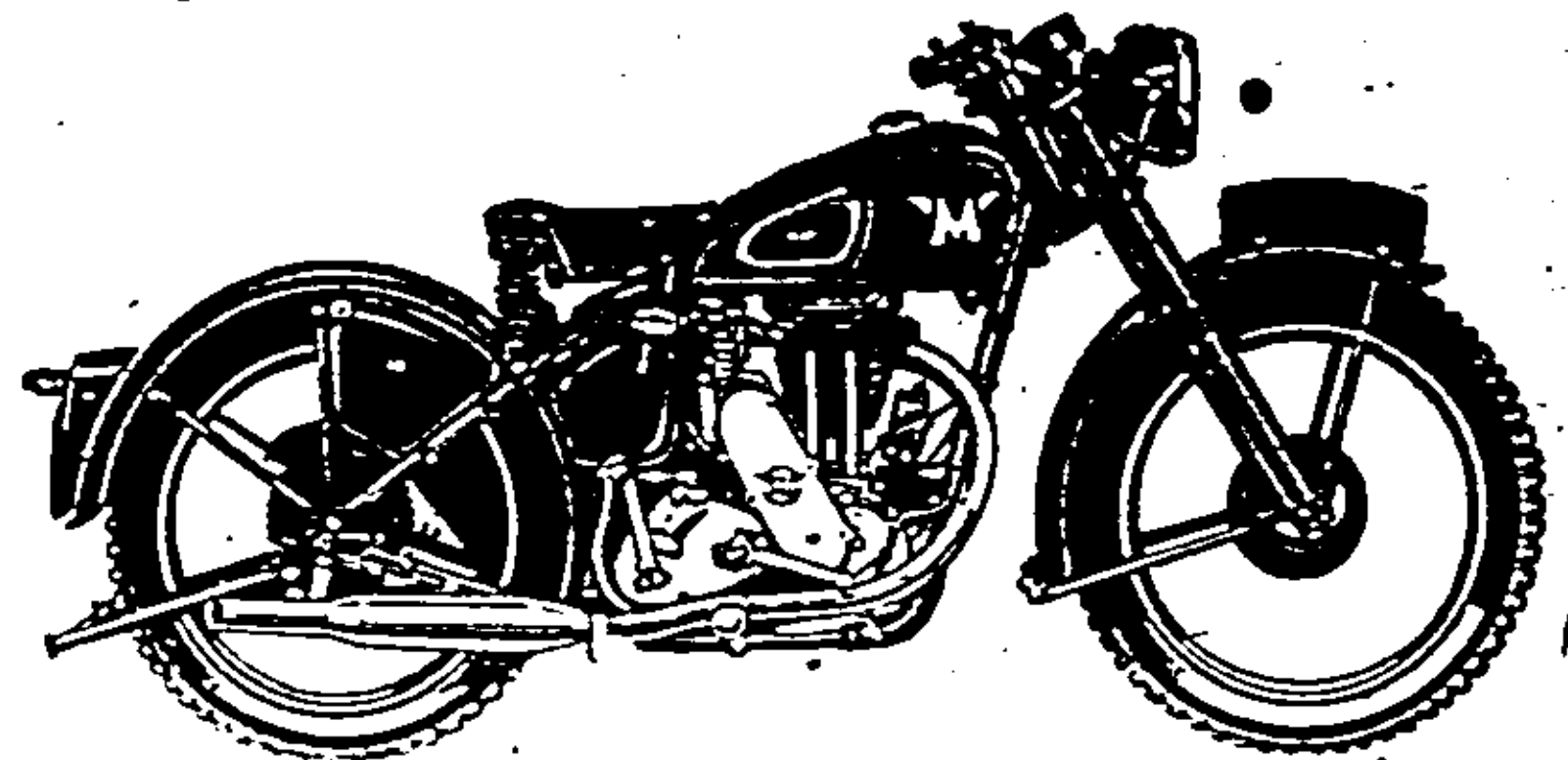
France will soon acclaim a new political leader. In America there will be dramatic government changes, and growing tension through inflation and European commitments. An amazing recovery from war disabilities will be made by Soviet Russia whose commercial and political power will increase.

The charts for Palestine and India indicate continued bitter strife. Sensational developments in China are indicated.

International tension is likely between February 10 and March 4. Early in April there will be important news from the White House, and a new Anglo-American understanding may be reached on the dollar crisis.

The eclipse of the sun on May 9 in 'square aspect' to the planets Saturn and Mars indicates world events of far-reaching importance.

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"Wurrah, Mr. Yeats, darlint!" she said. "It's crazed in the head ye are to be scheming such things! Shure, and it's no sort of small cabin ye'll be building at all at all, for it's a great poet ye are, Mr. Yeats, and a stranger entirely to the clay and wattles!"

"Nine bean rows and a hive for the honey bee ye'll be having, will ye?" she said, laughing. "Och, Mr. Yeats, boyo, don't be telling me ye'll live for long alone in the bee-loud glade! For by all the holy saints, this small cabin will fall down on your head like the crack o' doom!"

"Arrah, Mr. Yeats!" she said. "Sit ye down in peace and help yerself to the potheen, for..."

But at this point the door of the inn closed with a bang. William Butler Yeats had definitely gone to Innisfree. Mrs. Sarah Casey, a small inn-keeper of Dublin.

News In Brief.

Failing Eyesight: A retired railway guard at Middenden said "Happy New Year, Sam," to 80-year-old Samuel Rumble, Kent's oldest plumber, yesterday, when he saw him reclining in a horse-trough, surrounded by a flock of crows. Only when he returned in the same position did the railway guard understand why he had received no reply to his seasonable greeting. It wasn't 80-year-old Samuel Rumble at all, but a complete stranger to the district.

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1. A very famous gentleman said this week: "I am so far to the left of the Left that I am, if possible, less understood on the Left Wing than on the Right." Who was he?

2. A report from Seoul says that: "border incidents at the 38th parallel... are causing concern to American authorities." Do you know (a) what and where is Seoul, and (b) what is the significance of the 38th Parallel in connection with it?

3. A new commander of the American Naval Forces in the Western Pacific has been appointed, to replace Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Jr. Who is the new commander?

4. A ferry which has been in the hands of the dockyard workshops since she was raised from the river bed nine months ago is now almost ready to resume service on the Star Ferry run. What is the new ferry's name?

5. The Admiralty has decided to scrap 1,000 warships, among that number being five big ships. What are the main five?

6. The despatches of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, relating to the fall of Singapore and Malaya, have been released for publication this week. Who was Commander-in-Chief at the surrender?

(Answers in Page 13)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Time certainly mooches on. In only a couple of weeks it will be Academy Award time in Hollywood. Do you remember which films have won for their stars the coveted award over the last three years?

2. Who wrote these: the Emperor Concerto; Emperor Quartet and the Emperor's Hymn, and what are their other names?

3. Can you name the popular authors of these famous war books: "The Last Enemy", "Signed with Their Honour", "Brave Men", "A Bell for Adano" and "They Were Expendable"?

4. Who said this of his country in 1933: "In the field of world policy I would dedicate this nation to the policy of the good neighbour"?

5. Can you name the five provinces that make up the Union of South Africa?

6. The beginning of the New Year (or almost the beginning) is a good time to contemplate the Seven Mortal Sins. Have you read anywhere what they are?

7. You're not really expected to know this one, but just for your information, do you know how many miles round is the circumference of the Equator?

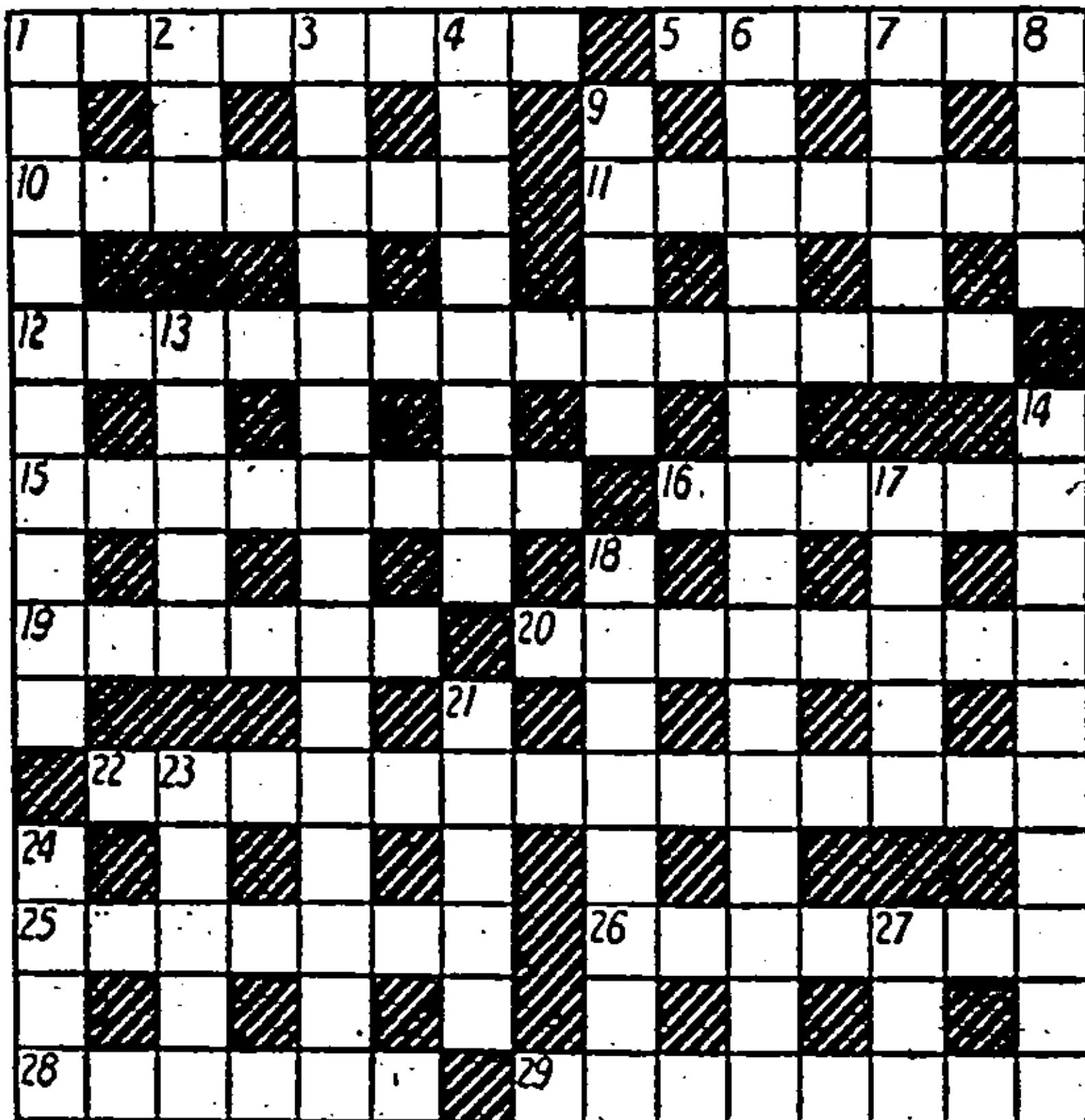
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CROSSWORD No. 40**ACROSS**

- 1 Tibetan Monkhouse. (8)
- 5 Obviously we should turn our backs on such a noise. (6)
- 10 Early swarm round Irishman. (7)
- 11 You do not find Cardinals in such numbers. (7)
- 12 Who, taking stock of his chances, was spurred by a spinner into making advances? (6, 3, 5)
- 15 Did they ring the changes for Irving? (3, 5)
- 16 Not, however, the Jewish quarter of Palestine under the partition. (6)
- 19 When the clocks are put forward, of course. (2, 4)
- 20 Instructions to inhabitants of the nursery? (4, 4)
- 22 A catch in connection with a fight for those who are up and doing. (6, 3, 5)
- 25 How the brute lies! (7)
- 26 Does this ship have classy mates? (7)
- 28 A tamed artist. (6)
- 29 Often a love-ly plot. (8)

DOWN

- 1 In this freedom a little hesitation in libation is excusable. (10)
- 2 You may find yourself on it in either discourtesy or censure. (3)
- 3 His "Circle" curiously enough did not appear in '23. (8, 7)
- 4 Let trees be arranged to do this. (8)
- 6 Being snowed up may thus get you down. (5, 3, 7)
- 7 Unreasonable fright of the forest god. (5)
- 8 Starred in the picture gallery. (4)
- 9 See 23.
- 13 Happy condition of Milton's pair of sirens. (5)
- 14 Presumably not the family one—or was it for our very early ancestors? (6, 4)
- 17 Fabulous bird gets in to the game. (5)
- 18 A thousand dollars to Junior. (8)
- 21 A stud reduced obviously to its ultimate element. (5)
- 23, 9 These three stories should circulate easily. (5, 5)
- 24 How free 12 was of course. (4)
- 27 Difficult to stand without one. (3)



SOLUTION TO No. 39—Across: 1 Bigamist, 5 Puffer, 9 Clear Off, 10 Garlic, 12 Lorenzo, 13 Opiates, 14 Working Model, 17 Pearl Buttons, 22 Lunatic, 23 Peg Down, 24 Pharos, 25 Pinafore, 26 Enlist, 27 Stud Farm.
Down: 1 Buckle, 2 Gretry, 3 Marengo, 4 Suffolk Punch, 6 Uranium, 7 Full Tide, 8 Rocksalt, 11 Point to Point, 15 Apple Pie, 16 Mainsail, 18 Lotions, 19 Niggard, 20 Pomona, 21 Anselm.

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BRIDGE
By YARBOROUGH

Here are some bidding problems:
Question 1.—North One Heart, East One Spade. What should South say holding:

S—5 3 D—Q J 6 2
H—A 7 4 C—K Q 9 8

Answer.—Two Clubs. This change-of-suit bid better reflects the strong supporting values in the hand than a raise to Two Hearts.

Question 2.—North Pass, East Pass, South One Diamond, West Pass. What should North say holding:

S—Q 10 4 D—K Q 10 3
H—J 9 8 6 C—J 7

Answer.—One Heart. With such strength in the partner's suit it is safe (and may be useful for a possible No-trump contract) to give a one-over-one response in such a weak suit.

Question 3.—North One Heart, East Pass, South Two Clubs, West Pass, North Two No-trumps, East Pass. What should South say holding:

S—A 4 D—8 3 2
H—J 10 5 C—A J 10 4 3

Answer.—Three Hearts. North has not rebid Hearts and South's Hearts are better support for a suit bid at the level of two than for one bid at the level of one; still North may have made a rebid in No-trumps because a rebid in Hearts would be more likely to be passed. There are two other considerations: (1) South has a ruffing value in Spades and (2) North can still bid Three No-trumps (over Three Hearts) if he has only four Hearts.

Question 4.—North Pass, East Pass, South One No-trump, West Pass. What should North say holding:

S—Q 10 9 3 2 D—K J 10
H—J 4 C—10 8 3

Answer.—Two No-trumps. North should not bid Two Spades because this would be a very discouraging bid over One No-trump and he should not jump to Three Spades. There remains only the bid of Two No-trumps.



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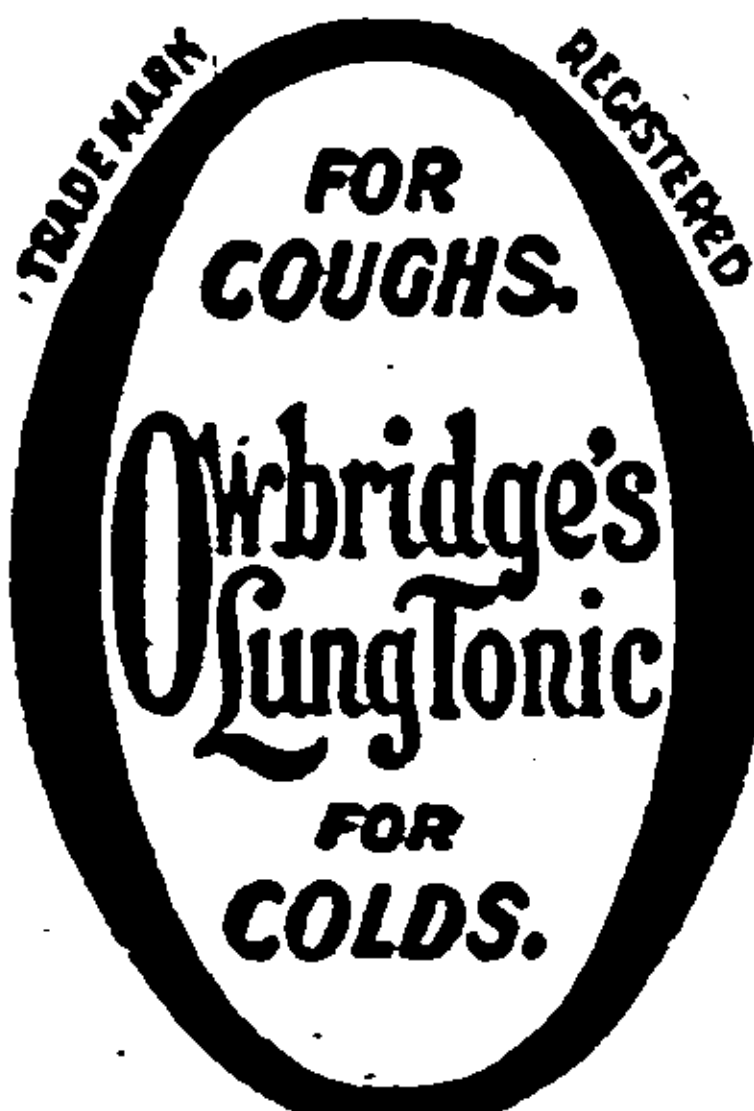


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He may succeed with an indifferent style—even admirers wince at Balzac's handling of the French language; Thomas Hardy's prose is often as gritty as a gravel path. In his choice of subjects and his knowledge of life he may be as limited as Jane Austen. But a point of view is an item of equipment that he cannot hope to do without. He must have a way of looking at life that is his and no one else's.

Here, for example, are two novelists, one of whom has this essential gift, while the other—though he can lay claim to many important and valuable characteristics—strikes me as completely lacking in any genuine individual quality.

Sinclair Lewis has already to his credit a large array of solidly constructed and entertaining volumes. Some are better than entertaining, and "Babbitt" will probably survive, if not as a work of literature, at least as a magnificent piece of reporting, a vivid record of its period.

But the world does not seem a different, stranger, more interesting or more alarming place because Sinclair Lewis writes today; it reveals no new facets when viewed through the lenses of those highly polished spectacles.

"How like Evelyn Waugh..." we remark. Or, "That old man in the corner, eating sandwiches out of a paper bag, makes me think of Graham Greene." Never, "There is a character Sinclair Lewis might have described, a landscape that he might have written of." We may enjoy his novels as long as we are reading them, but they leave behind no after-taste.

Instead of a point of view, he has opinions; and in Kingsblood Royal he expresses the opinion, forcibly if crudely, that racial prejudice and racial pride are always wrong and stupid, and that they are deeply engrained nevertheless in the modern American mentality.

Neil Kingsblood, a thoroughly nice and thoroughly normal young American, married to a woman as nice as himself, with a charming pink-cheeked daughter, discovers during the course of some random genealogical researches that one of his ancestors, far back in the colonial past, was not, as he had supposed, an Indian but, considerably to his surprise, a full-blooded Negro.

This discovery has momentous consequences. Step by step he comes to identify himself with the fortunes of the coloured race, and by doing so rouses the antagonism of bigoted, sadistic, or merely doltish neighbours. He is at first ostracised, then persecuted. And the story jolts to a somewhat improbable close in a brief but noisy shooting-match.

"Kingsblood Royal," I fear, is not the author's best work. The style is irritatingly facetious; hero and villains are portrayed in outline, with no attempt at perspective and little subtlety of colouring; but as vigorous propaganda on an important theme it can be warmly recommended.

What it does not possess is real imaginative life. There is nothing here to haunt your memory long after you have closed the book.

Stamboul Train and England Made Me, by Graham Greene. (Heinemann, 7s. 6d. each).

That Graham Greene has a distinctive point of view—that his stories produce their own special atmosphere—could not be denied by his most determined critic. The sense of sin that dominates his characters is sometimes over-emphasised; horrors are so deliberately piled on that the effect now and then is melodramatic rather than impressive. But he has created a world of imagination that only he can enter.

Stamboul Train and England Made Me, the two opening volumes of a uniform edition of Graham Greene's novels, are both of them books to read with care if you take the art of fiction seriously.

ART OF ADVENTURE

A dusty BBC war correspondent and a Public Relations officer who, in civilian life, was a distinguished author walked into the headquarters of a Mahratta battalion in Italy and there found some pictures leaning against the wall. "But they're very good," they exclaimed.

Then they found the whole building was full of pictures that had come from the treasure-houses of the Uffizi and Pitti Palace galleries. Some they identified—Giotto's Madonna, Ucello's Battle of San Romano and, greatest of them, Botticelli's Primavera. Among them, unaware that they had some of Italy's finest works of art as room-mates, slept Italian refugees and Mahratta sepoys.

As the author and the correspondent admitted their finds, a little man with gleaming glasses and a knickerbocker suit came on the scene. He was, he explained, an official of the Uffizi gallery. The treasure of several galleries had been dispersed among four houses in that area and his job was to look after them. To do so, he had bicycled among the German front-line units, under British shell-fire, on the strength of a German pass, from one house to another. Now his treasures were under German shellfire and the area was occupied by British troops who did not recognise his pass as valid, so he could no longer do his job.

The story of that find, of how the Mahrattas and then "higher authority" were persuaded to look after the pictures, is told by the author, Eric Linklater, in his newly-published book of essays "The Art of Adventure" (Macmillan 12s. 6d.).

Several of these essays are based on the author's experiences in World War Two. One of them is a pen-picture of Field-Marshal Viscount Alexander, who disconcerted his intimates by being aware of beauty even in the midst of battle; and who, on the other hand, disconcerted one of his intimates even more by exclaiming, when he was supposedly enjoying a particularly fine view, "What a position for a machine-gun post!"

Linklater recalls how Alexander, asked by American war correspondents if he thought there would be a last desperate stand by the Nazis in the Tyrolean mountains, said it would be a bore having to get fanatical Nazi fighters out of their strongholds.

"The American correspondents had acquired the habit of referring to the war as a crusade," says Linklater. "To hear it called a bore was slightly shocking and somewhat disturbing. Was Alexander serious? they asked."

But Linklater's war reminiscences are not confined to Italy and Alexander. He remembers the early days of the war in the Orkneys, where he was stationed, and life in the isolated garrisons of Shetland and Iceland, and he remembers a visit with Sir Ralph Richardson to Gibraltar to prepare a film-script which was not accepted. For the student of military history, he offers a paper on the outspoken Dr. McGrigor who was Wellington's Inspector of Hospitals in the Peninsula.

Among the literary figures of whom Linklater writes is Evelyn Waugh, who fought with the Commandos. Attending a school for company officers in Scottish Command, Waugh, unlike the other candidates, refused to be abashed by an interview with a psychiatrist and, when it was over, disconcerted the interviewer by asking a question himself: Why, in trying to find out if Waugh had sufficient strength of character to stand the anxiety and shock of battle, had the psychiatrist made no reference to the most important of all agents in forming a man's character—religion?

The Reprieve, by Jean Paul Sartre, translated by Eric Sutton. (Hamish Hamilton, 10s.).

The second instalment of the apocalyptic trilogy in which Sartre, the most widely discussed and fiercely criticised of modern French writers probes the sorrows and shames of tormented pre-war Paris.

BRITISH IDEAS IN ASIA

The British in Asia. By Guy Wint. (Faber, 12s. 6d.)

Only a hundred-and-fifty years ago, European rule in Asia was confined to a number of scattered ports, islands and maritime settlements, with a few larger tracts of hinterland in India. That the European empire over Asia would be pre-eminently British had not yet been finally decided. Today, much of the intervening century-and-a-half seems to have melted away. The great territories and populations of India, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Indo-China, Java and Sumatra have resumed their independence of European government or will assuredly do so within a calculable period. Will the British Empire in Asia, then become, like Harappa or Mohenjodaro, a civilisation traceless save for its physical ruins?

Few people could be better fitted to illumine the past and forecast the future of the British in Asia than Mr. Guy Wint. He knows China and India intimately, other Asiatic countries perhaps less well; he knows Russia, whose Asiatic empire has so much to tell us that we cannot easily read; he has foraged deeply in the history and literature of his subject; he has above all, a mind inquiring, frank, constructive and free. The result is a book which, despite some defects of structure and balance, is absorbing in its interest and keenly stimulating in its ideas.

So full and provocative a volume can hardly be summarised. But the key to Mr. Wint's assessment of the British creation in Asia is his attribution of its weakness to its nature as above all a political civilisation. It did not transform the old societies, but imposed its political ideas upon them thus dividing the Asiatic world between the privileged classes which adopted and used Western liberalism and the masses which remained indifferent to it, while rendering even the former unhappy and unstable. As for the future, Mr. Wint's judgment is that all depends on the ability of South cultural unity, to find a new basis of solidarity, now that the unifying grasp Asia, with its natural geographic and of British power is relaxed.

PUTTING ON A SHOW?

A series of small but remarkably well-written books has just been produced to assist the "amateur" in solving the many complex problems involved in the apparently simple resolve to "put on a show". They are published by H. F. W. Deane & Sons Ltd., 31, Museum Street London, W.C.1, and they are written in such a clear, direct manner, taking nothing for granted, that they are unreservedly recommended to all who may be interested in this fascinating subject.

"Stage Maker up Made Easy" (7/6) by M. H. Benoliel has seventy illustrations by Arnold E. Jones which add still further clarity to a book which simply teems with clever "tips" on make-up, some of which are new even to the experienced actor.

"The Play Produced" (4/6), which is written by John Fernald and has an excellent foreword by Flora Robson, is a really practical guide to the technique of play production and its carefully-built-up chapters on such aspects as dramatic contrast, variety in speech, movement, and grouping make profitable reading for actors as well as producers.

The series also includes "Home-made Lighting Apparatus for the Amateur Stage" (4/6) and "On English Costume" 3/6 (which abounds in very useful illustrations), and is topped off by a comprehensive list of "Plays and Their Plots" from which would-be organisers can pick and choose the type of play they prefer with full knowledge of the number (and sex) of performers required.

The Spotted Dog. A Book of English Inn Signs, by Reginald Turner. (Sylvan Press, 12s. 6d.).

A pleasant book on an entertaining subject. Learn why you may enjoy your next drink under the sign of The Spread Eagle, The Duke's Head, or The Barley Mow.

THIS IS THE ANSWER THAT WON TWO DOLLARS IN

"What Do You Think?"

Several very good answers were sent in answering the question, "What part of your school work do you enjoy most, and why?"

Amelia Cox, aged 10, of 54 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong, wins the \$2 for the best letter for this week. It is short, but it shows that Amelia is interested in other places of the world.

Amelia writes:

"The part of my school work I enjoy most is geography. I like it because I learn about other kinds of people, and where they live and what they eat, and because I learn about the rest of our big world."

Word Wisdom

In Word Wisdom each week we are going to give the pronunciation and meaning of words which you read very often but may not know what they mean.

Here is this week's list:

Fatigue (fateeg): Weariness, either of body or mind. It can be used either as a noun or a verb. "Fatigue" is also a military term for duties like cookhouse work, barrack-cleaning, etc.

Prophecy (profesi): A statement of what will happen in the future, made by a man who is usually called a "prophet."

Frigid (frijd): Either a very cold place or a very cold person. Above the Arctic Circle and below the Antarctic Circle is the Frigid Zone, where there is ice and snow all year round.

Repeal (repeel): To "call back." It is usually used in connection with acts of Parliament or laws, and means that the law may have been passed before, but that it is no longer in operation.

Height (hte): Distance above the ground.

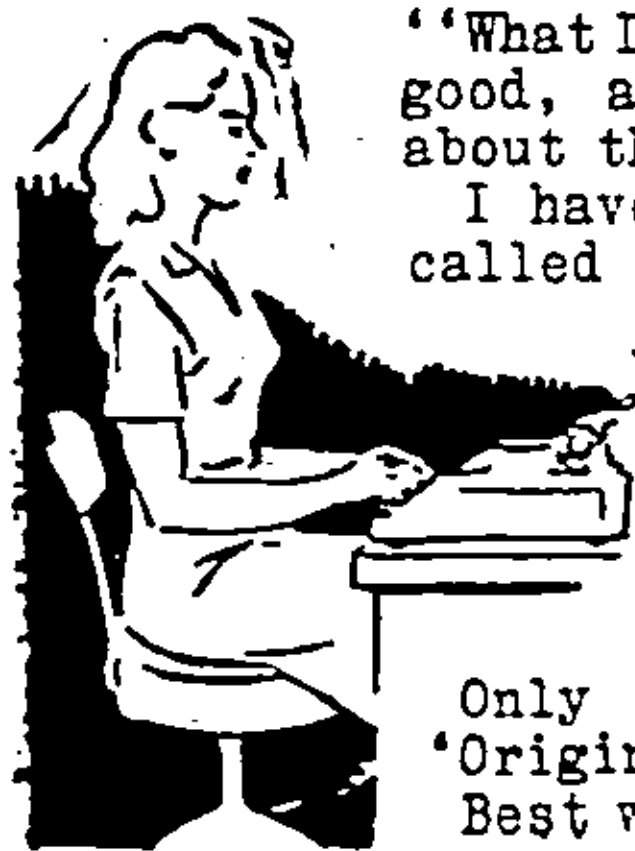
World Spotlight:

MAKING A START

New Zealand nowadays is taking great care that its boys and girls do not leave elementary schools without knowing fully all the ways that are open to them to get a good start in life.

Before they leave, they study a booklet which sets out in detail just what training they need to take up any trade or profession. It gives details of every school or college which can give them further training for any particular career, what free courses and financial aid they can get, where they can get board, what prizes, scholarships, bursaries and allowances are available, and how they can earn money while training. (From J. C. Graham, New Zealand.)

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



I was so glad to get your replies to "What Do you Think?" They were all very good, and showed that you had thought about the question before you wrote in.

I have started a new feature today, called "Word Wisdom". These are all words that you are liable to meet every day in your reading and school work, and it is a good idea to know just what they mean, and how to pronounce them.

Only contributions clearly marked "Original" will be accepted. Best wishes to you all.

Auntie Vee

Children's Page

FIGURE THIS OUT!

This is just the Figure 2, with nothing around it to help you. See how you can use it in your drawing, turning the square any way you like.



At the right is an example, but you're not to copy this. It's only to show you how the Figure 2 can form a part of your drawing.

This competition is open to boys and girls up to sixteen years of age. All entries must be at the SUNDAY HERALD office by Wednesday, January 28.

Remember, Auntie Vee's decision will be final.

NAME

ADDRESS

AGE



There's So Much To Do

There's so much to do every day of our lives
That I wonder we get it all done;
There's so much to see and so much to say

And so many ways to have fun.

From when the sun rises to when the sun sets

Everybody's as busy can be;

We work and we play and we think all the time,

And most of the time happily.

But sometimes in bed when the whole house is quiet

And nothing is stirring around,

I think "What would happen if nobody tried

To find out what others had found?"

"For people who strive to know and to master

What is there to be found all the time, They are the ones who make progress

go faster The others just use up their time."

So say to yourself when you go home at night

And you're thinking of having some fun:

"There's so much to do every day of our lives

That I wonder we get it all done."

C. F. M. Curtis (14½),
Hong Kong. Award ***

PRIZEWINNERS OF LAST WEEK'S COMPETITION

The painting competition last week was a great success, and we received so many entries that it was not easy to choose the winners, but on age and work the following were awarded the prizes:

1st Prize: Esther Wilkinson (14),
37, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

2nd Prize: Margaret Ferguson (10),
14, Chung King Arcade, Kowloon.

3rd Prize: Joshua Waller (7), 4,
Conduit Road, 2nd Floor, Hong Kong.

Congratulations to all of you!



Credit Corner is for boys and girls who have sent in drawings, poems and stories which deserve praise, although they have not been published.

Honourable Mention goes to:

Junie, David, Hong Kong; Albert Xavier, Kowloon; Wilma Watson, Kowloon; Armando da Luz, Kowloon; A. de Mello; Jacqueline Barton, Kowloon.

Lucky And The Fox

Once upon a time there lived a boy called Tom and a girl called Joan. They had a little dog called Lucky, and five hens.

One night a fox came and stole one of the hens for his dinner, while Tom and Joan were out with Lucky for a walk.

When they came home they found that one of the hens was gone. They looked all over the place, but they could not find it. Tom said, "Let Lucky go and find the hen", and Joan said "Yes."

So Lucky went off to look for the hen. He went to the woods and saw a small house. He crept to the window and saw the fox sleeping, and on one side of him there was a big bag.

Lucky went inside the house and opened the bag, and the hen came out, and went running back to Tom and Joan. Then Lucky killed the fox.

Tom and Joan were pleased when they saw Lucky and the hen come back. From that day on they were very happy together.

(Bobby Lim (10), Kowloon.
Award **)

SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

The lines below are all words you know well and see every day, but the letters have been turned round all ways. Just for fun, see if you can make up the words from the letters we've given you. If you can't, turn the page round and read the answers, printed upside-down below.

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JUMBLED WORDS ANSWERS

Our Serial Story

THREE FOR LUCK

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-policeman, who became a paratroop hero, meets

ARTHUR MAYO, millionaire race-horse owner, and his daughter MOIRA. Mike becomes involved in attempts to kill HAPPY MUNSTERMAN. Mayo's hot favourite for the Derby, and believes the man responsible is

DIAMOND HOTCHKISS, race gang leader, whose right hand man is a former all-in wrestler, "TURKEY REDDIN." After taking the horse to Newmarket safely Moira and Mike learn that Mayo has disappeared in Liverpool with Beavers, his bodyguard, and his chauffeur. They return to Liverpool to find that Mayo has set out for the hospital at St. Hilda's, a mining village nearby.

Mike is waiting outside her hotel to take Moira to St. Hilda's, when he sees Hotchkiss and two other men. He approaches the gang leader.

Her voice trailed off. Mike knew what was in her mind, and had not the heart to tell her that on this job he would prefer to be alone. He was beginning to wonder whether he would prefer to be alone.

"All right. I'll bring the car round from the garage where I left it and meet you at the front of the hotel."

Mike was sitting in the car waiting when he saw three figures mount the steps of the hotel. Their backs were towards him. But one interested him so much that he leapt out of his seat and followed them.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Diamond Hotchkiss," he said quietly as he came behind them on the top step.

Hotchkiss did not turn at once—but the other two gangsters whipped round to face Mike. They were tall, smooth men, well-dressed in a flashy way. Rich-looking thugs, quite clearly Diamond Hotchkiss's personal bodyguards and confidants.

Hotchkiss then looked over his shoulder at Mike. His sleek, well-shaved face broke into a mechanical smile as he took the cigar from his lips.

"I don't think I know you," he said. There was no smile in his eyes.

A Warning

"You will. I've just come to tell you that if I don't see Arthur Mayo alive and well very, very soon you're going to need more than a collar round your neck. I know a chap who has a very nice line in—ropes."

The two large men moved towards him. Hotchkiss motioned them back.

"Yes," Mike said with a grim smile. "you'd better not start anything here. There's a policeman on point duty down in the street. If you're going to try any funny business, Diamond would prefer not to be present. He doesn't like to be identified with his thuggeries, you know. Do you, Diamond?"

Hotchkiss's face was becoming pink with anger. But he still had control of his temper. Mike was sorry to notice. (Since he always thought that a man overcome by rage was a vulnerable man).

"You think you're being very clever. You'll be sorry for it," said Hotchkiss. "Anyway, I don't know what you're talking about."

A Threat

"Oh, yes, you do, my friend. And I'm not being clever. I'm just telling you the plain fact that if you're not very careful I shall break every bone in your miserable body. And your two boy friends here won't stop me, any more than your other thugs stopped me from getting Happy Munsterman safely to Newmarket last night. I learnt to deal with real tough men during the war—not phoney ones in padded shoulders."

"I'll get you for this," said Hotchkiss in a voice scarcely above a whisper.

"Say it out loud, Diamond. Tell everybody coming up and down the street. Don't be frightened. You're the big-shot gangster. You've nothing to fear—have you? You never get caught—only your minions, like the puny

By TRAVERS HUTCHIN

small-timer I gave over to the police last night. Oh, so you didn't know I had done that? Well, they're grilling him now. I don't expect he'll squeal—but he might after the beating up I gave him. And I'm going to beat up all of the little runts you send after me, until one does squeal. And then I'm going to beat you up, Diamond, until you'll be glad to get safely into a nice, quiet police cell."

"I've told you, mister," said Hotchkiss, slipping back into his original East End idiom. "you think you're funny. You'll laugh the other side of your face soon. And so will your friend Mayo. You'll both pay for this."

"Temper, temper, Diamond dear. Now you've admitted your interest in Mr. Mayo. You're losing your grip. Your boy friends will lose faith in the Big Shot if you do this too often."

At that moment Moira came through the revolving door of the hotel.

"Good bye, Diamond," said Mike. "I've got business to do. I'm taking a lady to see her father. By the way, my name's Sullivan—I used to know you when I was a policeman. Remember the



AS MIKE SULLIVAN TALKS TO HOTCHKISS AND HIS MEN, MOIRA ARRIVES.

name—it's going to crop up again in your life."

An evil leer came on Hotchkiss's suffused face. "Running after a millionaire's daughter, eh?" he sneered. "Better than being a bobby."

Mike did not strike him hard. He just slapped his face with the open palm of his hand. But the other staggered back drunkenly. He cursed viciously.

"Let that teach you manners, Diamond," said Mike with an elaborate bow. "Now—farewell for the moment. I'll see you again before you go to the gallows."

Moira was already in the car. They drove off quickly.

"I wasn't showing off, Moira," Mike explained. "I just wanted to see what he would do. He practically admitted that he knew about your father's disappearance. Gangsters shouldn't lose their tempers even when provoked."

"I've a feeling that you can be very provoking when you try," she replied with a smile. "By the way, I never regard myself as a millionaire's daughter. Just as a very ordinary human being."

"Not very ordinary," Mike said quietly.

The night porter had just come on duty at the little cottage hospital in the rather dreary village of St. Hilda's when they arrived. He confirmed that no car had arrived the night before, but after some questioning said that he had seen the lights of one about one in the morning.

"It was lost, I think," he added. "It seemed to go into the old hall up the road. Nobody would want to go there—

it's been empty since the military left it after the war. The only time anybody goes there now is when they mistake it for the hospital. This place has a gate like the one at the hall—people sometimes confuse the two."

"Do they? So if somebody really wanted to pretend that the old hall was the hospital it would not seem too odd at first?"

"No. But I don't see why they should want to do so. This is the hospital."

Mike agreed that it certainly was. Back in the car, he asked Moira to drive back down the road past the old house.

Evening was falling again. In the dusk he could see a large house about 50 yards back from the road. It certainly looked very empty.

"Wait here for me, Moira," he asked. "I won't say 'and don't move' in a sergeant-major voice this time. Just keep your eyes skinned, and if you don't hear from me in half an hour phone Tom Satterthwaite at Liverpool police H.Q."

Derelict

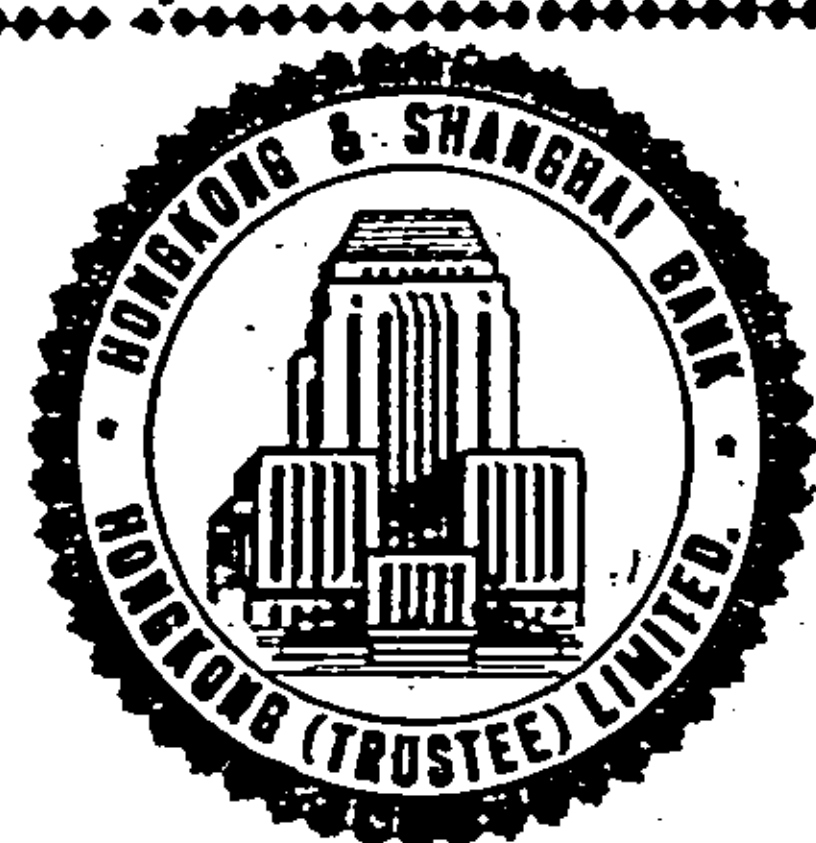
He walked along the wall of the old hall until he found a point where a large tree in the grounds seemed to afford cover from watching eyes in the house. Then he climbed over into the garden.

It was overgrown with weeds and neglected, straggling bushes. He found it easy to crawl almost up to the house itself without revealing his presence.

The house was as derelict as the garden. There was no sign of life in it. At one side was a stables block which joined on to the main building, so that apparently anybody could get from one to the other without coming into the open.

Mike cautiously crept up to the stables entrance, a great dilapidated door under a vast stone archway. In the fading light he examined the drive at that point.

In a pothole which was still damp from recent rain he saw the marks of tyres—big tyres, such as might have been on Mayo's Rolls-Royce.



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she was level. Moira suddenly blew on her horn and swerved in towards it. The Rolls also swung to the left. Moira relentlessly edged towards it. The other car was forced to mount the grass verge. It reeled as it did so, half recovered itself and then toppled over on to its side in a smother of flying concrete chips and splintered metal.

Moira pulled her own car up and Mike ran back to the saloon. Two men were already struggling from the wreckage. Mike's heart leapt. One was the man with the cropped hair. It was Diamond Hotchkiss's tough, Reddin. He was tugging at something in his pocket, but before he could get his gun out Mike was on him. He struck him fairly on the point of the chin. There was no mistake about the blow this time. Reddin fell to the ground with a grunt and lay still.

His companion had little heart for a fight. Mike floored him in a matter of seconds.

Moira had run up by now. In her hand she had the starting handle of the car.

"Watch these two boys," ordered Mike. "If they so much as stir a finger, bash them hard. You needn't have any compunction—they deserve all that's coming to them."

He peered into the crashed car. There was one other man in it—a still figure tied with cord. Mike gently pulled him out. It was Mayo's chauffeur, unconscious as a result of the crash.

Mike gently lifted him from the car and carried him back down the road to the Bentley. He put him in the passenger's seat, untied his bonds, and returned to the scene of the fight. He roped the two gangsters back-to-back and dragged them into the ditch at the side of the road.

"We'll take your poor chauffeur to the cottage hospital and send the police to pick up these two. They can hold them on a charge of stealing the car in the meantime. Then I must have another look at that house—although I think I may be too late."

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Talking about Films

PRE-FAB FILM PRE-VIEW

After three years' research, the Rank group's revolutionary "pre-fab" process of film-making is now going into use.

It has been in operation already as an experiment, in a production at Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire, of a children's instructional film, "Under the Frozen Falls."

The test was so successful in slashing costs and shooting time—vital factors in the drive to speed up Britain's film production—that Mr. Rank has given orders to go ahead with the process on three major features.

The man behind the process is Mr. David Rawnsley, 35-year-old designer, called in three years ago by Mr. Rank to find the simplest way of reducing film production to a cut-and-dried formula.

He has found the answer in this process, known technically as "independent frame," combining pre-fabricated scene construction with television filming technique.

His aim is to halve production time and costs by:

1. Shooting films with television cameras so that as production goes along the director will see it on a television screen;
2. Building all sets on pre-fabricated lines outside the studio before shooting begins, so that studio space may be used entirely for production and not cluttered up with constructional work.
3. Dovetailing all production details completely to allow a full dress rehearsal before the film goes on the floor.
4. Developing "back-projection" shots and "inter-filming" methods to save the time and expense of sending stars away on location for weeks on end.

The Rawnsley process, the greatest money saving discovery since filming began, will mean an end to haphazard, go-as-you-please production methods.

Every detail of production will be cut and dried before the film goes on the floor.

This is an improvement demanded repeatedly by the studio unions in their recent talks with the Board of Trade on the need for speeding up film schedules.

Carpenters, electricians, and other technicians will no longer jostle on the set with the artists. All their work will be done outside.

All their work will be done outside and the pre-fabricated sets wheeled in on floats only at the moment they are required.

The result of all these revolutions is that a feature film now costing £200,000 and occupying about three studio stages for three months will be completed at half the cost, in half the time, and with the use of only one stage.

The first of the three major features to be filmed with the "independent

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. 1945: Joan Crawford for her work in "Mildred Pierce"; 1946: Ray Milland for "Lost Weekend"; Fredric March for "The Best Years of Our Lives."
2. Emperor Concerto—Beethoven's 5th Piano Concerto; Emperor Quartet—Haydn's String Quartet No. 77; Emperor Hymn—Haydn (national anthem of Austria, known in England as "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him")
3. "The Last Enemy"—Richard H. Arv; "Signed with Their Honour"—James Aldridge; "Brave Men"—Eino Pyle; "A Bell for Adrian"—John Hersey; "They Were Expendable"—W. L. White
4. Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his First Inaugural Address on March 4, 1933.
5. Cape of Good Hope; Natal; Transvaal; Orange Free State; South West Africa
6. Pride, Wrath, Envy, Lust, Gluttony, Avarice, Sloth.
7. Equatorial Circumference is 24,901.8 English miles.

frame" process will be "Warning to Wantons," from Mary Mitchell's novel.

Work will begin on the exterior shots in March and the film goes on the floor at Pinewood, Buckinghamshire, by about July.

For the present television cameras will be used only sparingly in this process. They will not completely supersede ordinary film cameras until their production has increased and their pictures refined to a much greater degree.

In their present stage they cannot record sufficient detail for film purposes.

A Masterly Film of Gang Warfare "Brighton Rock," which had its London premiere the other day, has been described as "false" and "nasty".

Pernaps you already know Graham Greene's fictional account of gang warfare and terrorism in Brighton prior to World War II. Richard Attenborough has the role of Pinkie Brown, the vicious, cold-faced, 17-year-old leader of a razor gang; a boy who doesn't smoke, who drinks nothing stronger than lemonade, but who will kill any man who stands in his way. Dickie Attenborough never before had such a chance to shine.

Then let's look at Carol Marsh as the pretty young waitress whom Pinkie marries in order to prevent her from testifying against him after the killing of a journalist. Always she trusts Pinkie and loves him without questioning his way of life, and Miss Marsh certainly does look and act like the innocent, simple child she portrays.

There is Hermione Baddeley, never better than as the kindly, rather loose, pier-concert artist; a jolly woman who oozes motherly sympathy and supplies a lot of the humour. And William Hartnell, in fine form as Dallow, a more level-headed thug who tries to talk sense into Pinkie, but when defeated, will follow the boy through any villainy.

If the story is "nasty," what of it? It isn't a pretty yarn, but since when has it been honest for any form of art only to portray the sunnier, rosier side of life? It certainly isn't false.

"The Affairs Of Bel Ami" Never having read Guy de Maupassant's "Bel Ami," I have no idea how closely this film follows the novel, but I do feel that George Sanders does at least have the appearance and something of the manners of a Maupassant character.

Georges Furoy (George Sanders) is a cynical philanderer who makes love to women of position in order to further his own ambitious schemes. For instance, he is the gossip-columnist of a Paris newspaper, and from the indiscreet lips of those he woos he learns enough to enable him to break or make governments. Ah, mon ami, were it only that easy! But no matter.

It is a passably good picture. The women in Duroy's life are played by Angela Lansbury, Ann Dvorak, Susan Douglas, Katherine Emery, and Frances Dee. They handle their roles tolerably well. Miss Dvorak is nearly always worth watching.

"Fun And Fancy Free"

It would seem, on the face of it, that Mr. Disney has forgotten how to make a one-story full-length picture, until we recall that he has made up his mind to cartoon Lewis Carroll's immortal Alice, and he can't very well fuse another story into that.

The first tale told in this new film concerns Bongo, a little performing bear who escapes from a circus and woos Lulubelle, a cuddly brunette whom he meets in the forest. Dinah Shore tells the story and sings the songs.

The second story, in which Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, and Goofy climb a magic beanstalk and outwit a mercuric giant called Willie, is much the better half of the film. Here, Edgar Bergen is the raconteur, and his narrative is interrupted continuously by Charlie McCarthy, who or which — is still the best ventrilo-

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quist's dummy I have ever seen and heard.

Yes, Walt, you've cheated again, but you're still no slouch at the cartoon game.

This is nothing like as good as your best, but better than some you've turned out. Thank heavens it's a comfortable length—73 minutes. That means a lot in your line of business.

"Heaven Only Knows" Another yarn about an "angel" who comes down from Up There to put things right on this planet. This time the visitor is Robert Cummings, who has an interest in the destiny of Brian Donlevy. The setting is a Wild West town in America. It is a sickly, much too sentimental attempt to dramatize religion, and it only succeeds in being thoroughly irreligious.

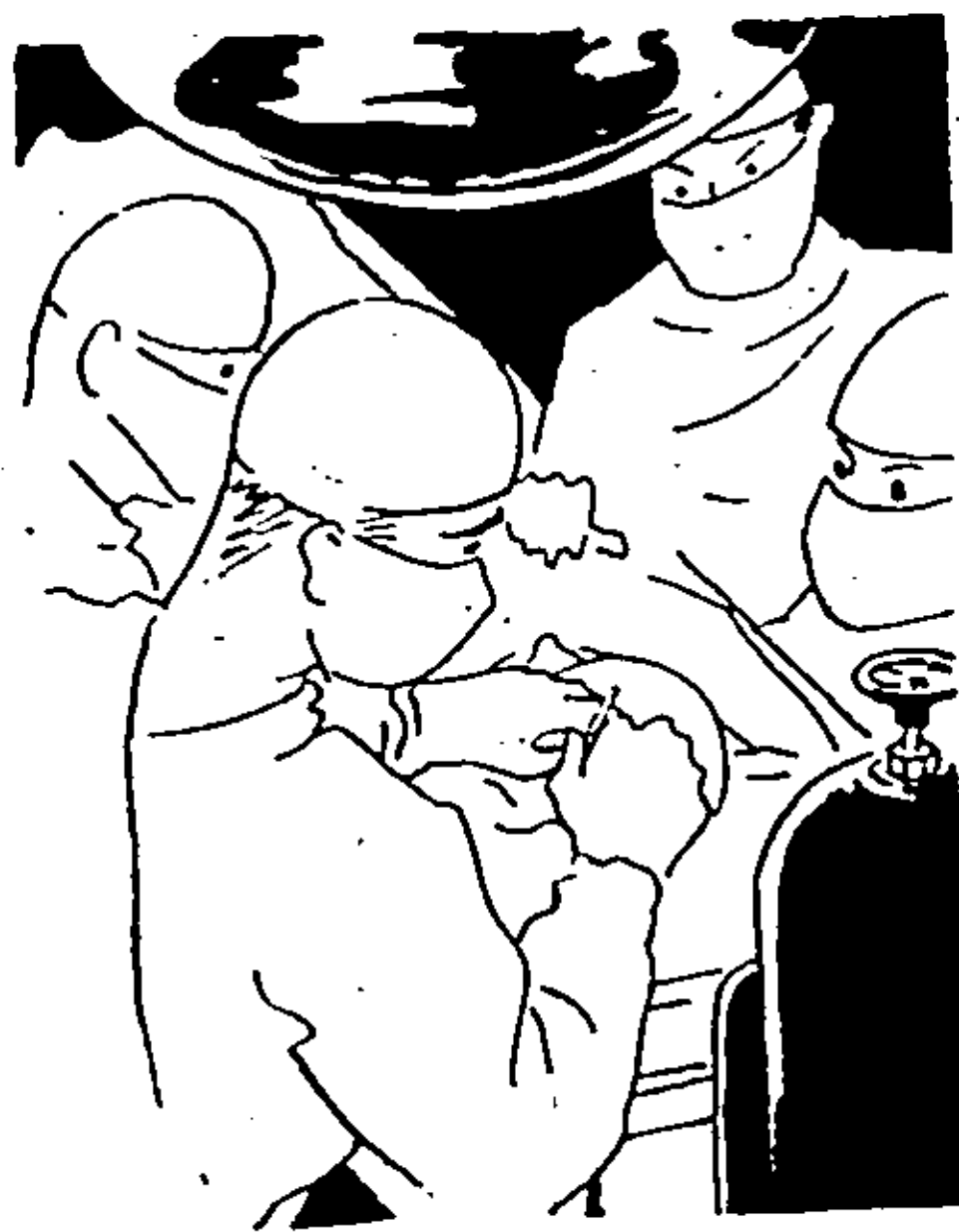
Current Shows

Queen's.—"Do You Love Me"—A musical film on an old theme in technicolour.

Central and Alhambra.—"Clock and Dagger"—Gary Cooper in a typical role with plenty of action. Lilli Palmer, hailed as a new star in the making, appears in her debut.

King's.—"Jassy"—Already reviewed in these columns. An outstanding British picture, with Margaret Lockwood and Patricia Roc among the stars

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THE PROMS

To-night's "Proms" concert from ZBW consists of three works—Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony; Delius's second sonata for the violin (here transcribed for the viola); and Brahms' first piano concerto (in D Minor), which has not been heard over the air locally for some thirteen months.

The third of Haydn's "London" or "Salomon" symphonies, No. 94 has the ponderous German title of *Paukenschlag* or drum-stroke. Papa Haydn had a child-like relish for cracking jokes and the deafening bang from the percussion department in the slow movement was intended to arouse those in his audience who had preceded their attendance at a concert by over-eating and consequently, tended to fall asleep. The symphony has all the unflagging Haydn good humour—but I must confess I find the joke content somewhat minute.

When Brahms' piano concerto was first played (in 1859, to be precise) it aroused a storm of protest—especially from pianists who found in it none of those typical bravura passages which enabled them to display their virtuosity. Nevertheless, it is a perfect example of balance between a solo instrument and a full orchestra. It took longer for this work by Brahms to gain more or less general acceptance than any of the other compositions of this highly serious, ultra-classic musician. It has great depths; it is of great length; and it requires a great artist at the piano if the attention of the audience is to be held throughout. Fail to concentrate on it, and you will find it almost impossible to re-capture the threads.

Another work that calls for concentration, but for a different reason, is the Delius sonata. Delius is unique and belongs to no known school; from the start, he trod an independent path. With Delius, melody takes second place to harmony and texture. You either like him or you don't; but if you like one of his works, you like them all.

Delius, who died in 1934, owed much to Sir Thomas Beecham, who did all he could to get a wider and fuller appreciation of his work. How well Beecham succeeded is seen in the fact that in 1929 the King conferred on Delius a Companionship of Honour. In that same year, Beecham himself conducted a six-day festival of the music of Delius at the Queen's Hall.

The music of Delius is marked by an almost complete absence of polyphony (polyphonic compositions are those in which more than one theme at a time are given individuality). His music is nostalgic, filled with longing for something which always remains just out of reach. His music is delicate; you must both concentrate and keep an open mind if you are to discover its entrancing beauty.

GRAM CONCERT

The Y.M.C.A. Music Group's gramophone concert on Friday will (subject to change) consist of the following works:—

Wagner's overture "Die Meistersingers"; Richard Strauss' tone-poem "Don Juan"; Mozart's Concerto for Horn and Orchestra in E Flat Major, K. 447 (Aubret Brain, soloist); Delius's "La Calinda"; and Dvorak's Symphony No. 5 in E Minor ("New World").

RECORD

In early 1947, Columbia issued a recording by Fritz Reiner and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra of Shostakovich's Symphony No. 6, Op. 53. This consists of five records, the tenth

side being taken up with Kabalevsky's "Colas Breugnon" overture. Catalogue references are LX998-1002, Auto. couplings LX8563-7.

The symphony is in three movements—Largo, Allegro and Presto—and commenting on the recording, a recent issue of "The Music Review" says:—

"The Philadelphia-Stokowski issue of the Symphony has not been available here and a relative recommendation is pointless. In any case, the playing in the present performance could not well be bettered; one sees point in the American opinion that Reiner is a musician's conductor. It is a great pity that, though very good in most places, the recording fails to a degree of raucousness whenever large string tone is called for. In such passages the noise one hears could only have been deliberately produced had the composer asked for, and got, an *fff sul ponticello* from every string at his command. We surmise he did not ask. For those who do not know the work, it is worthy of recommendation, even on these records.

"The first movement is the weakest, tending, in spite of much fine writing, to that rather shallow lachrymosity which dogs much of Shostakovich's work. A lovely second movement has characteristic solos for wood-wind, beautifully played, and the last movement justifies the work. A vigorous and pointed rondo, this finale puts the rest into perspective so that one gets the final impression of having heard something of sustained greatness. Possibly one has, possibly not.

"Colas Breugnon is the overture to an opera which, one surmises, is based on Romain Rolland's novel. One would like to hear the opera; certainly all should hear the overture. Conciseness of utterance, clarity of broad design and robust tunes, which stick as soon as they register yet do not cloy, are all there. Nothing more is needed for a good overture except a conductor who gets to the point immediately and grasps it throughout. He is there too."

APPOINTED

Stewart Wilson has been appointed BBC Director of Music in succession to the late Dr. Victor Hely-Hutchinson. He will leave the post of Music Director of the Arts Council of Great Britain to take up his new post. Wilson, who was a captain in the K.R.R.C. in World War One, was educated at Winchester and King's College, Cambridge. He was a singer by profession before 1939 and has published translations of songs by Schubert and Schumann with A. H. Fox Strangeways.

From 1939 to 1942 he was at the Curtis Institute of Music, in Philadelphia, and he will be remembered by many listeners as the BBC's Overseas Music Director from 1942 to 1945.

QUOTE

"Listening is the Wondering Mind. hearing is the Wandering Mind. And between those two there's all the difference in the world. The Wandering Mind, the human being who just hears, is the person who turns on the wireless before breakfast and keeps it going until bedtime. There's no listening going on there in that person's mind. There couldn't be; it's a physical, a mental impossibility. Nobody can listen in intense concentration on the music for that length of time without going scranny; the effort is too big. No, that's music being used simply for hearing, simply as background." —Scott Goddard, broadcasting on "Appreciation of the Arts" in the BBC's Overseas Service series.

SMETANA

Parts of Smetana's "Ma Vlast" (My Country) are being played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the young Czech conductor Rafael Kubelik, this week. Smetana's cycle of six symphonic poems celebrates, in music of great spontaneity and charm, the ancient glories of Bohemia and the beauties of the countryside. It was completed in 1879 and dedicated to the City of Prague.

Unfortunately, only one of the three broadcasts will be on the air at a time suitable for local reception—the Prelude to the opera "Libuse" and "Ma Vlast"—Vltava, Sárka, and From Bohemia's Woods, and Fields (General Overseas Service, Friday, 1915 hours H.K.T.).

It is extraordinary to think that while writing the greater part of this immense work Smetana was completely deaf. The affliction, surely the worst that can befall a musician, came upon him while he was engaged on the first two poems of the cycle.

Incidentally, Kubelik, permanent conductor of the Czech Philharmonic, is a son of the world-famous violinist Jan Kubelik. He is now 33 and as well as being one of the most promising of the rising generation of conductors is an exceptionally brilliant pianist.

LISTENER'S CHOICE

The following items were picked more or less at random from this week's BBC programme as an alternative to listening to ZBW. All times are Hong Kong Time, and the prefixes FES, ES and GOS stand for the Far Eastern, Eastern and General Overseas services respectively:—

Wednesday:—FES, 1855 hours: "The Growth of the Modern Orchestra, No. 21: Berlioz," a gramophone programme written and introduced by Hubert Foss.

Thursday:—GOS, 2215 hours: British Concert Hall, conducted and presented by Sir Adrian Boult, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra (Vaughan Williams' Overture "The Wasps"; Elgar's "Serenade for Strings"; Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in A (the "Italian").

Friday:—ES, 2250 hours: "Introducing Bach," Chamber Music—Preludes and Fugues from the Forty-Eight (gramophone records).

GOS, 2350 hours: "Forces' Prom" on gramophone records; Rossini's overture, "The Thieving Magpie" (NBC Symphony Orchestra, cond. Toscanini); Mozart's Concerto for Flute (Rene Le Roy) and harp (Lily Laskine) in G Major (Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. Sir Thomas Beecham).

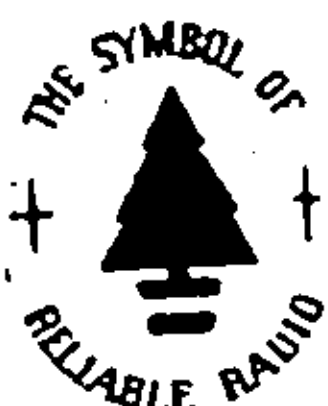
Saturday:—GOS, 1800 hours: "Programme Music"; Dukas "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," an illustrated talk by Charles Hambourg.

FES, 2005 hours: "Ballet Music by British Composers"—excerpts from "Chockmate" by Arthur Bliss (gramophone records).

ES, 2245 hours: "Music of Mozart" gramophone records.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. George Bernard Shaw. (22.1.45)
2. Seoul is the capital of Korea, and the 38th Parallel divides the Soviet and American "spheres of influence" in Korea. (21.1.45)
3. Rear-Admiral Oscar C. Badger. (22.1.45)
4. "Golden Star." (22.1.45)
5. The battleships Queen Elizabeth, Valiant, Nelson and Rodney, and the battle cruiser Renown. (22.1.45)
6. General Percival. (23.1.45)

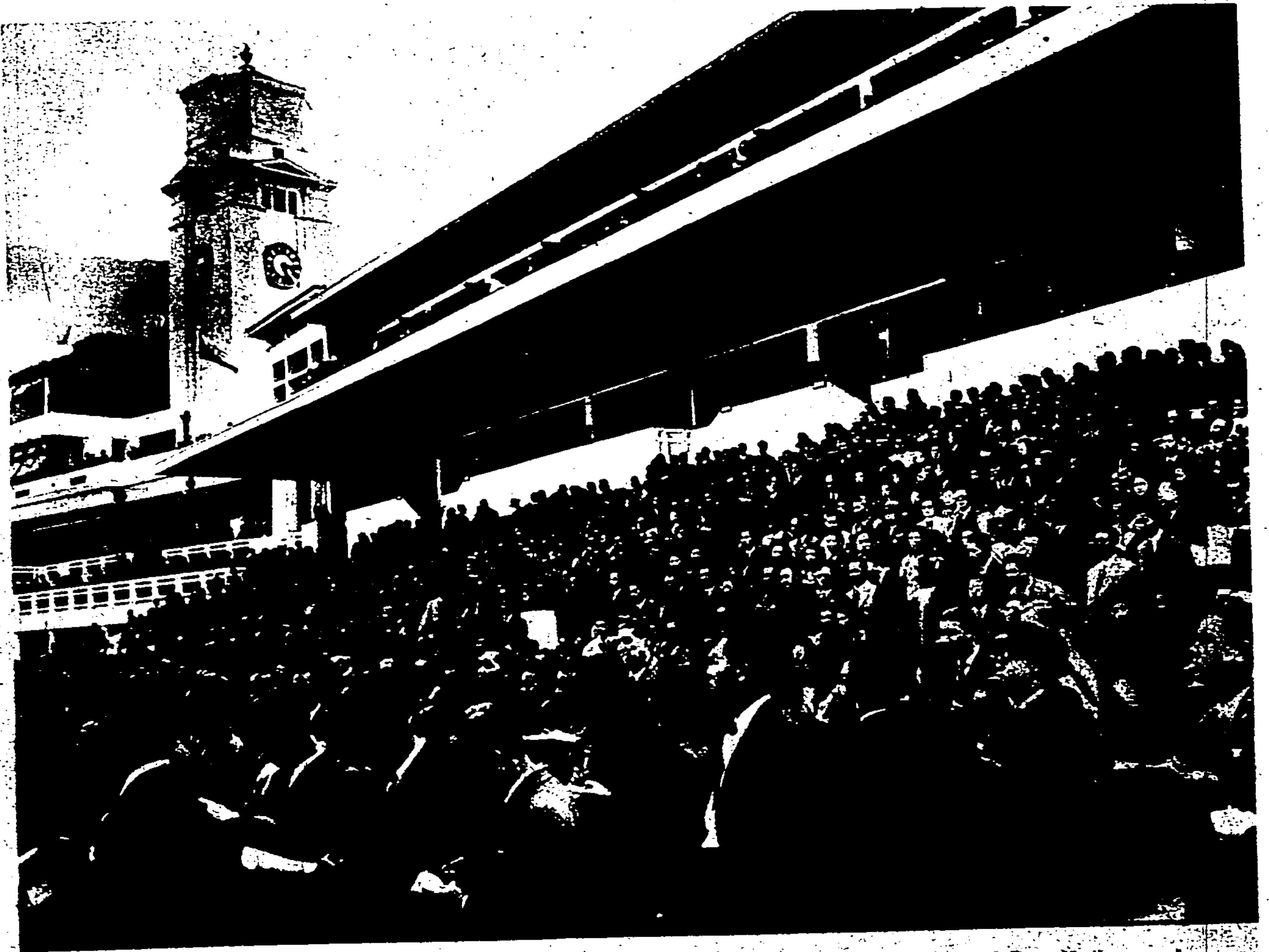


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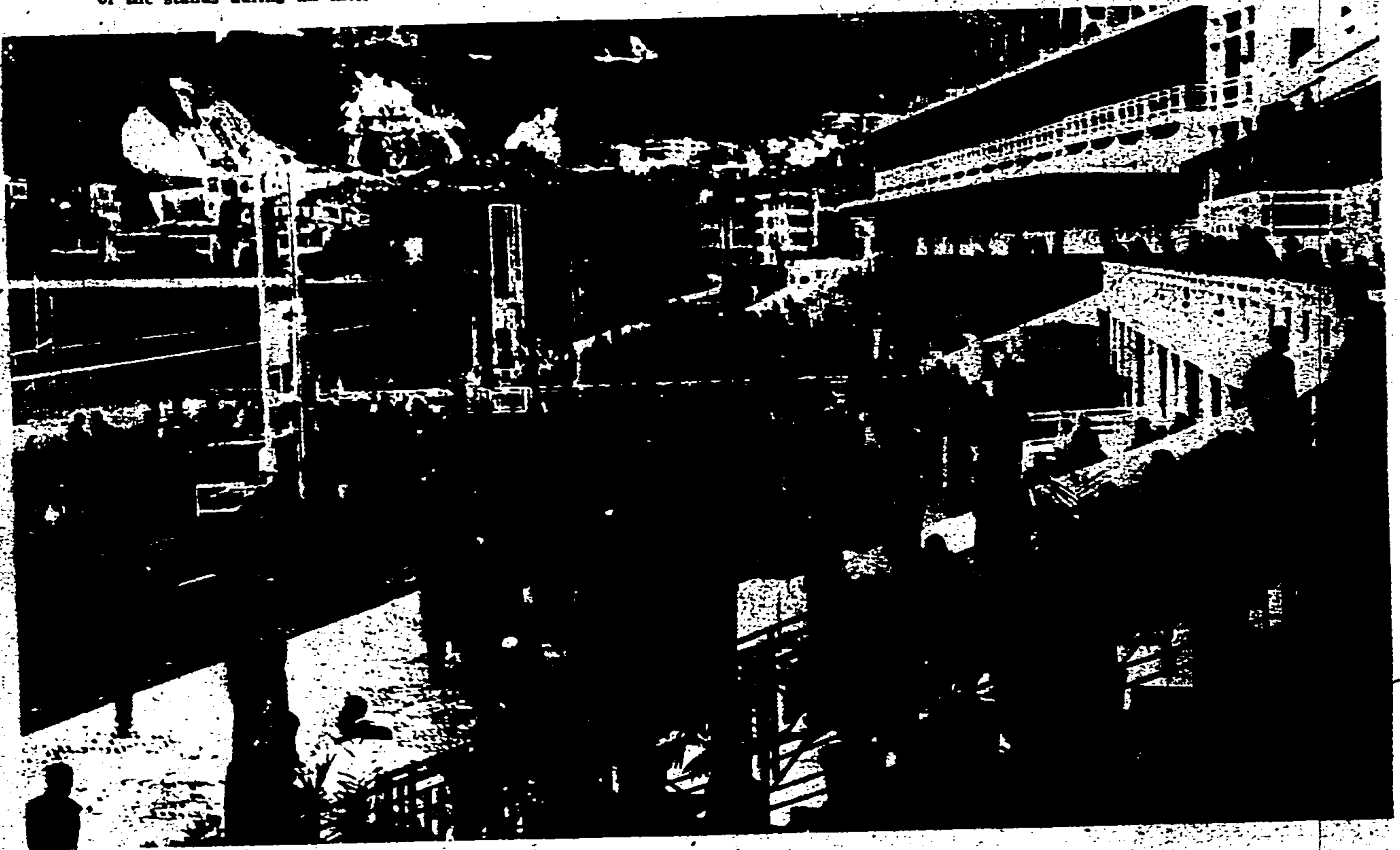
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Some scenes from the
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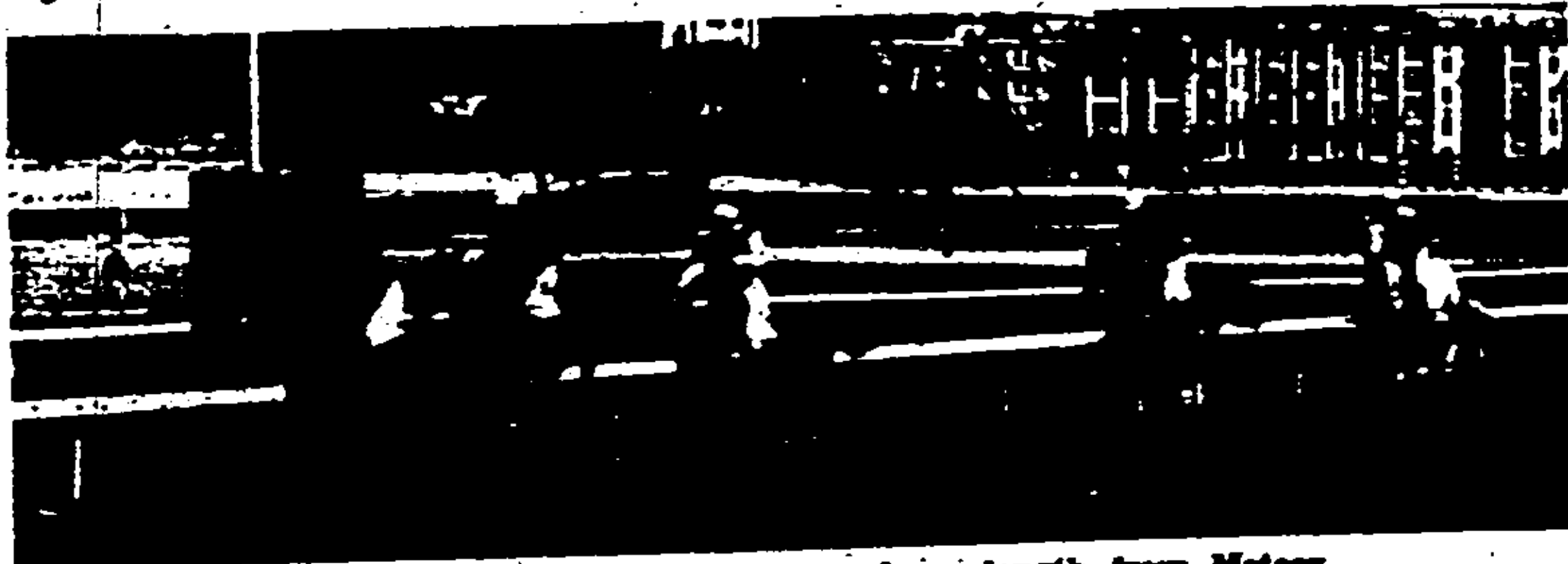
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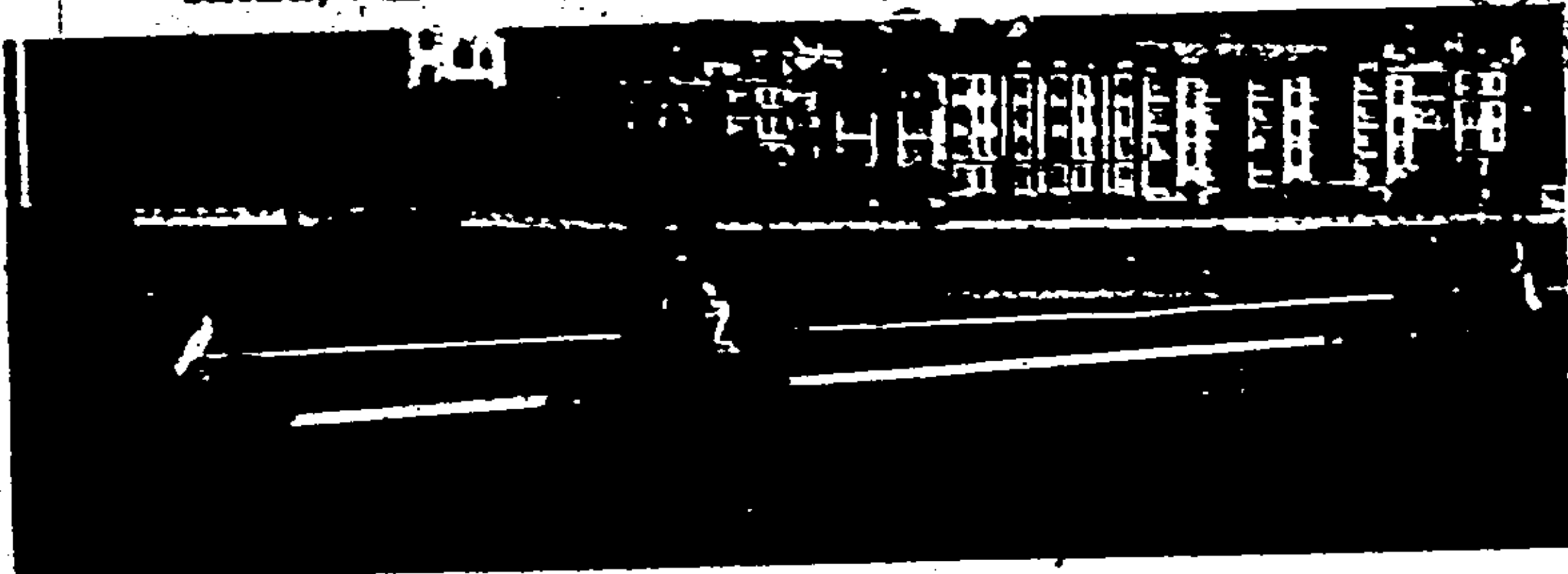
Blue Ribbon won the Fourth Race by a length from Meteor.



Rasher came in 2 1/2 lengths ahead of the field in the Fifth Race.



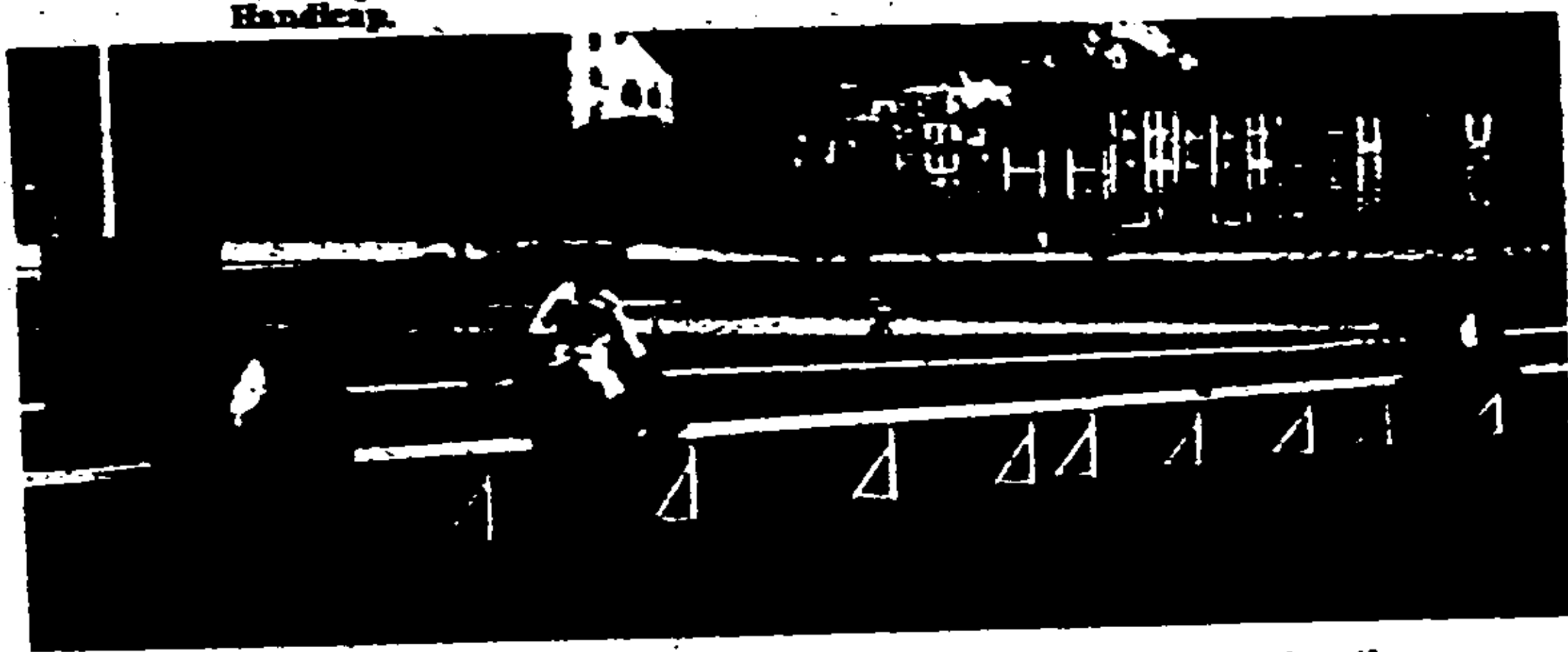
Sorcerer, with Prince Delight 2 lengths behind, won the Sixth Race.



Sugarfoot was first past the Post in the Seventh Race.



Norse Queen beat Daisy Bell by 1 1/2 lengths in the Jockey Club Handicap.



Boom Town won the Ninth Race, beating Chesterfield by a length.



Rasher (K. Kwok up) is here seen being led in by his proud owners after winning the Fifth Race on Saturday.



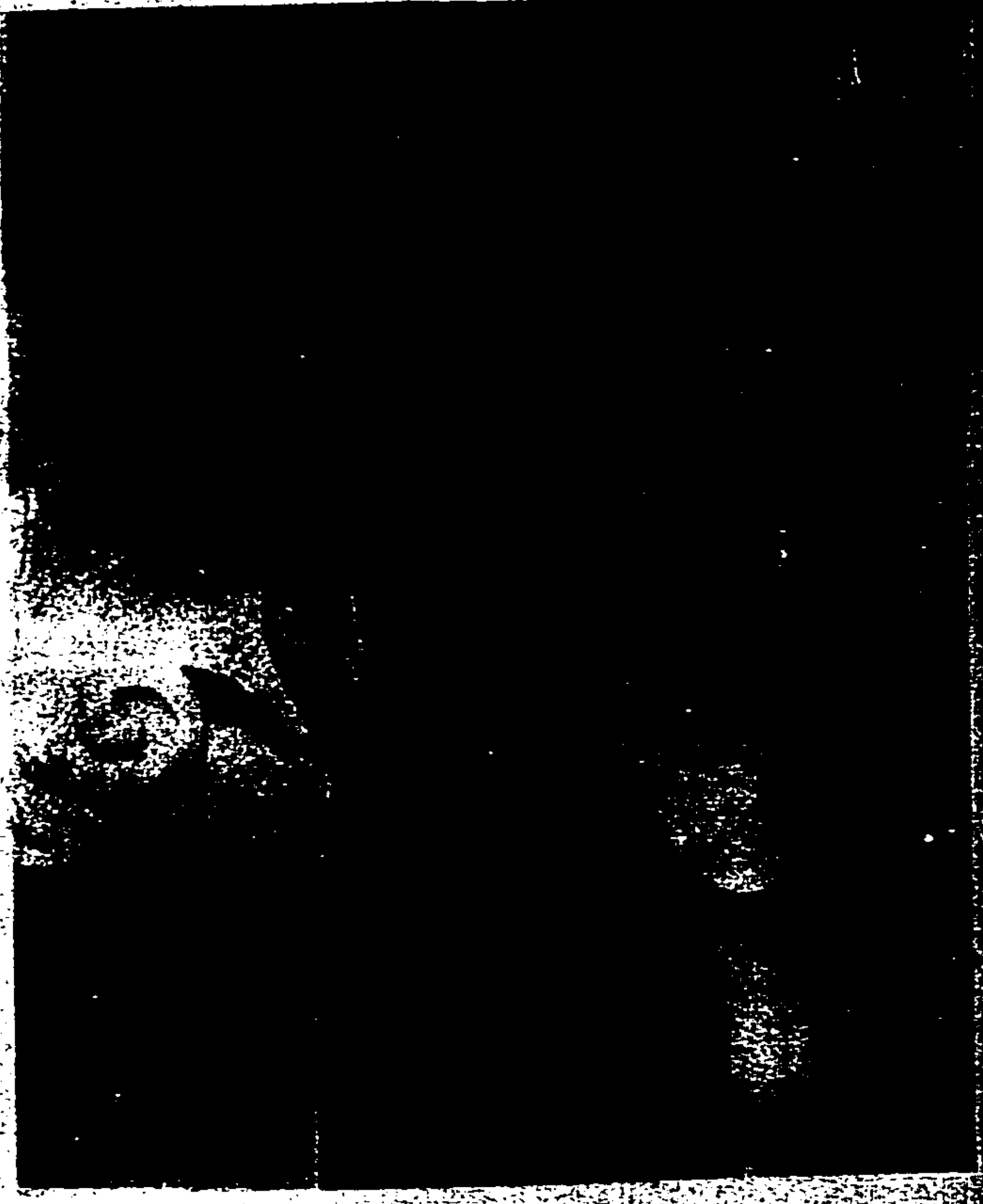
Mr. and Mrs. R. Johannessen, owners of Norse Princess, who won the Chinese Club Cup on the third day. A Derby favourite, Norse Princess could do no better than take third place in that classic.



Above, Ava Gardner of Universal-Int. Films models a simple dinner gown of white crepe, highlighted with sepias, while below another Universal-Int. player shows a gown of heavy taffeta with the new quilted effect at the neckline.

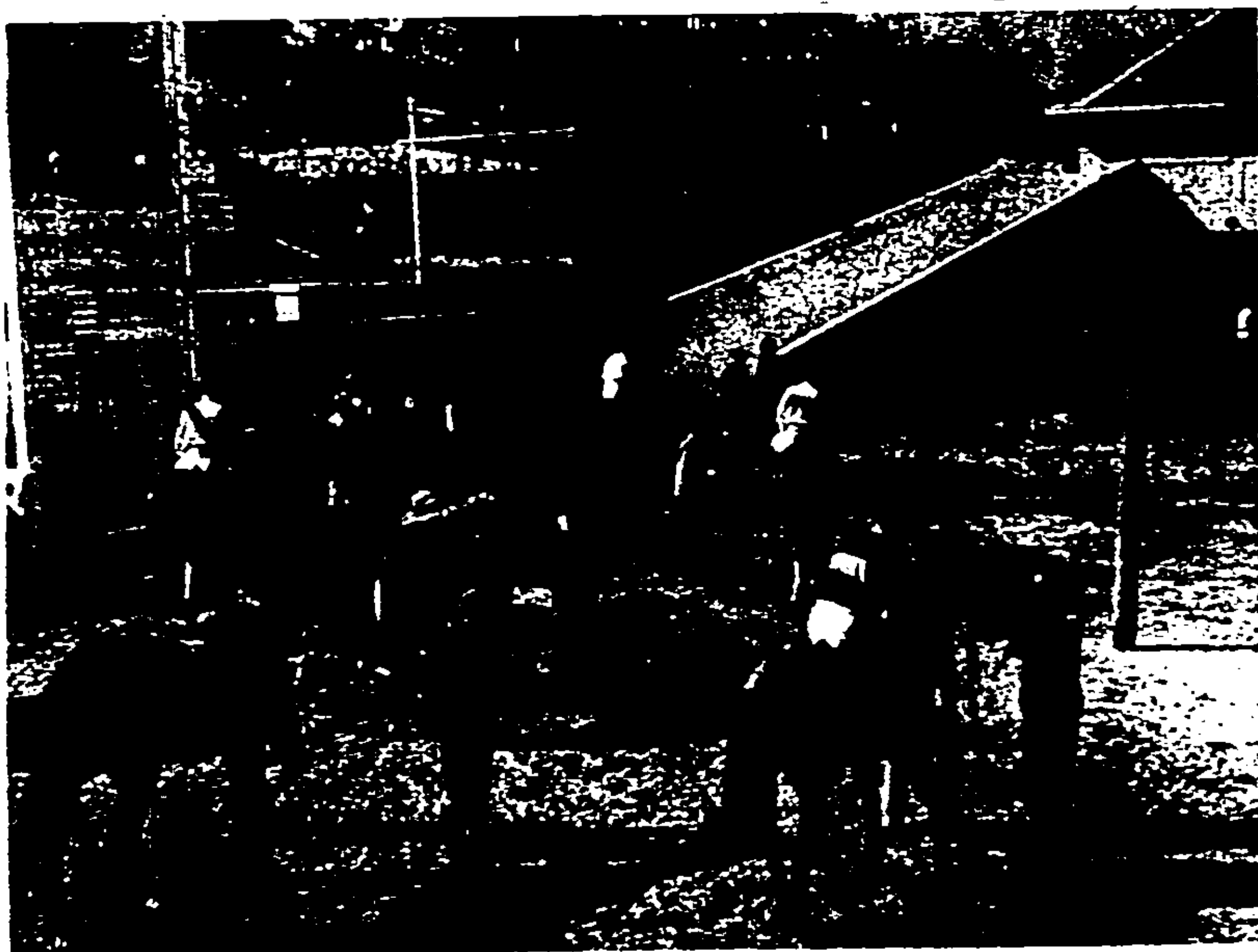


Jean Bennett (above) and Ava Gardner (below) present in black—a tailored suit relieved by white collar and cuffs for day time wear, and a sophisticated gown for evening. Both Universal-Int. stars.

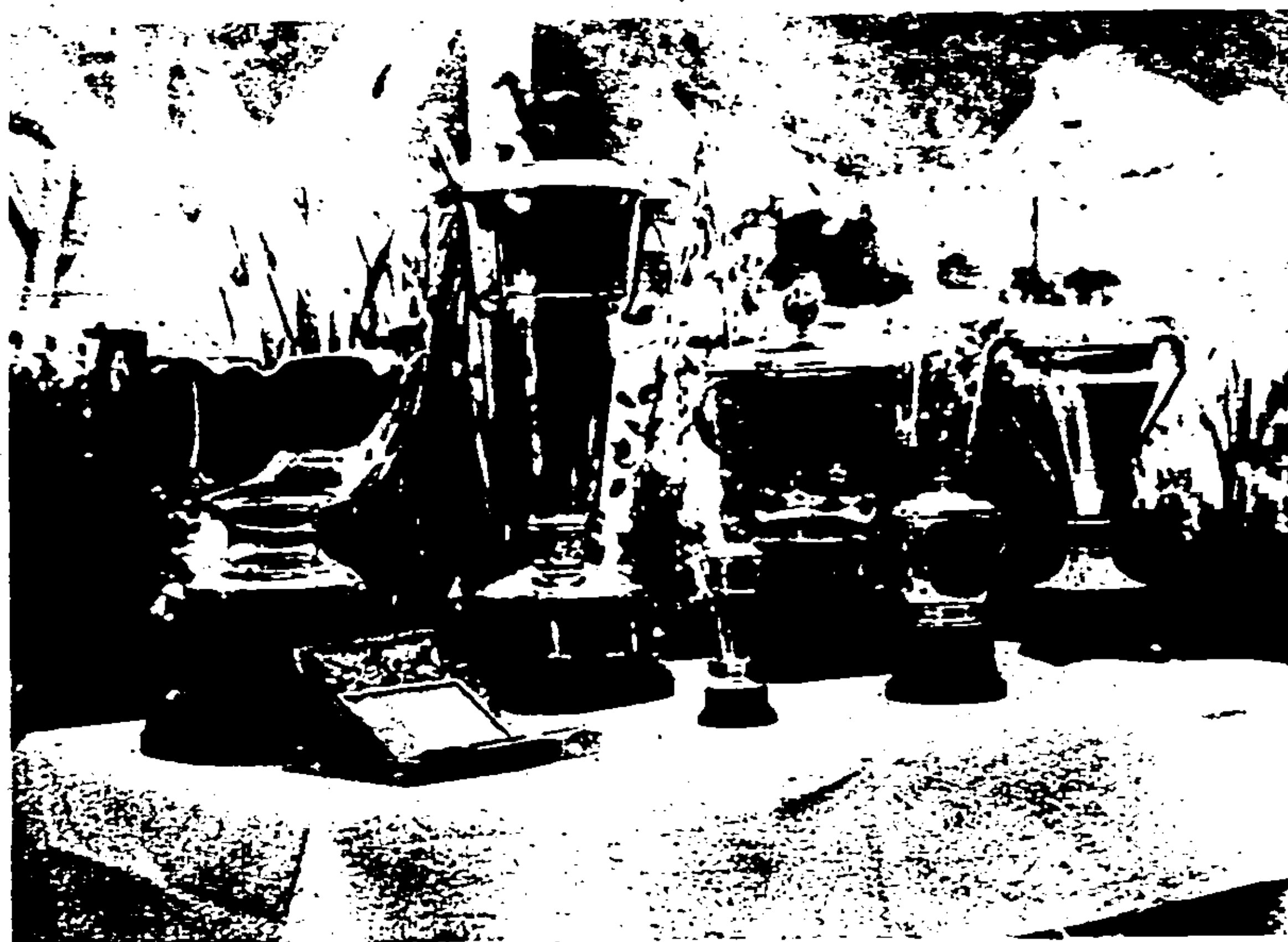




DISCUSSING FORM.—Photo taken at the Races on Tuesday when hot tips for the next event were probably under discussion. (China Mail photo).



These two young ladies picked a stand of their own for the Races. (China Mail photo).



Top photos show the entries for the Derby being walked round the paddock prior to the race, and jockeys mounting to go off to the starting-gate. Picture at bottom shows, left to right, the Chater Cup, the P. and O. Cup, the H.K. Jockey Club Cup, the Ladies' Purse and the Chinese Club Cup. (China Mail photos).



The Japanese bell which was used as a font for the christening aboard H.M.S. Barbain. Below, the christening ceremony in progress. (China Mail photos).

AN UNUSUAL EVENT.—The christening aboard H.M.S. Barbain, of Ian, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Curtis, and Vivian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Deeson, with a Japanese bell used as a font. (China Mail photo).



A portrait of Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wakefield, taken on her first birthday on January 12. (Watson-Gainsborough).

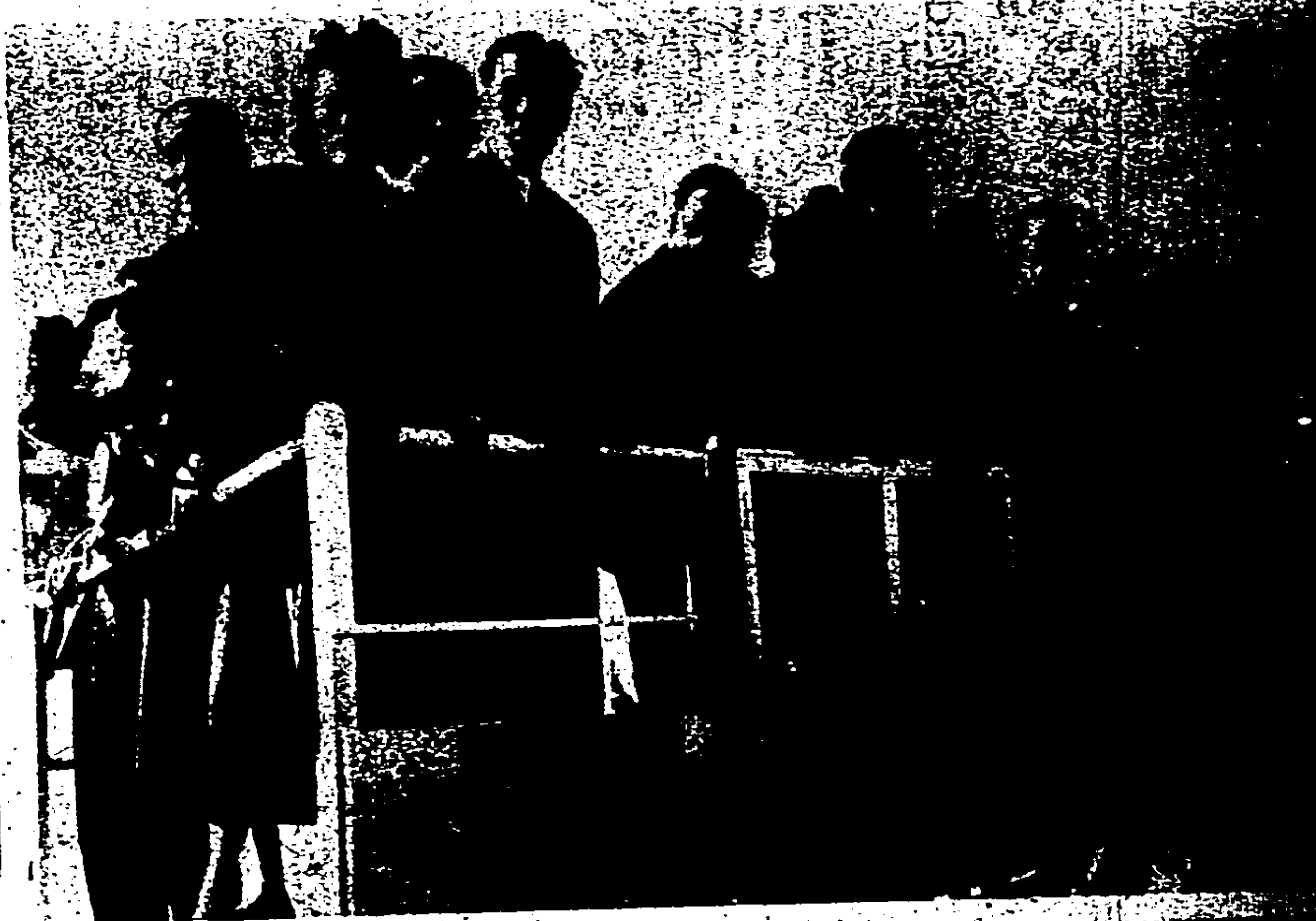
Right.—The Hong Kong Football Club's rugby XV which won this year's quadrangular tournament. (Watson-Gainsborough).



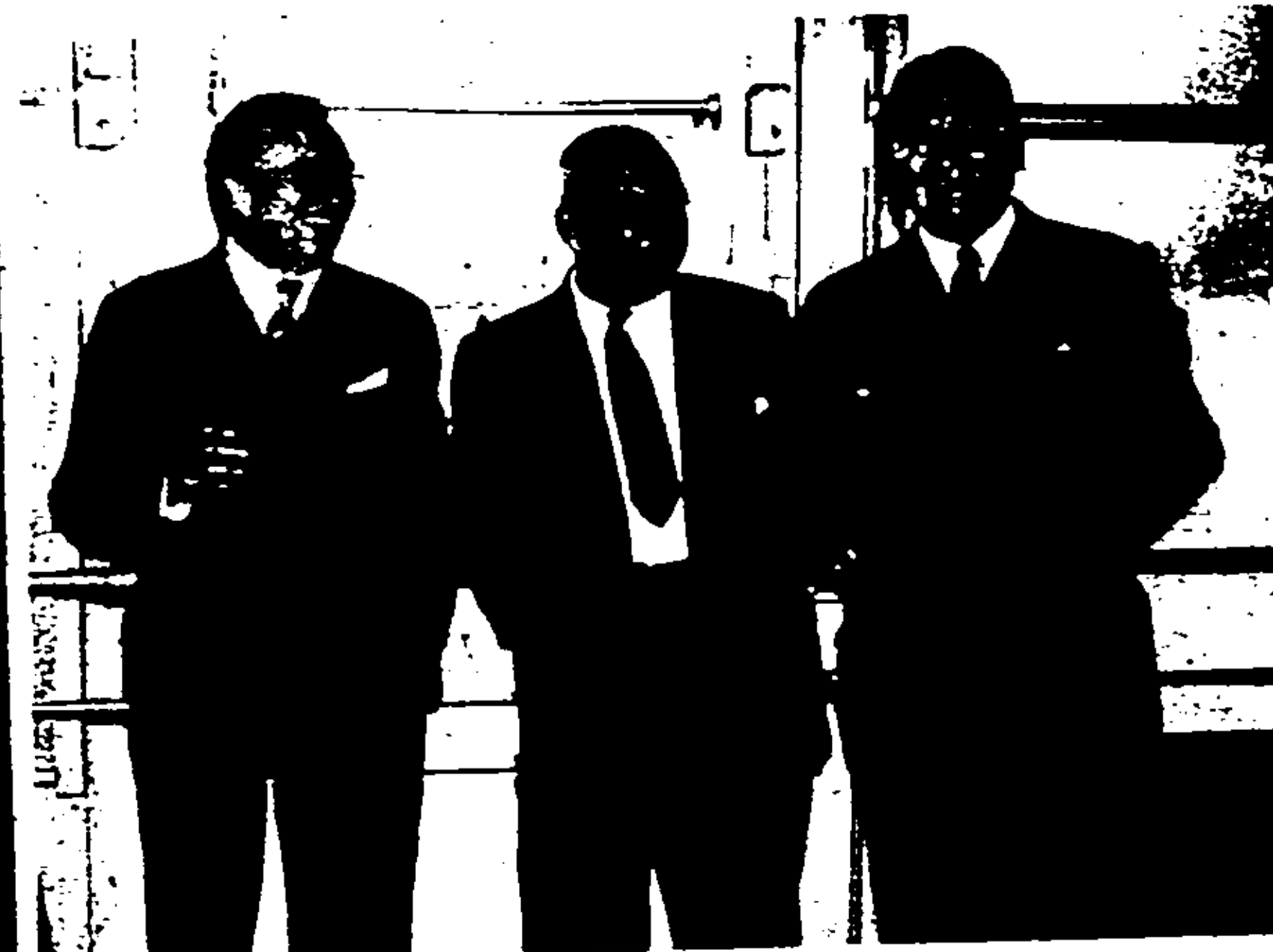
His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham, and party, aboard the new American President liner vessel, President Cleveland, at a cocktail party to mark her maiden voyage. (Francis Wu)



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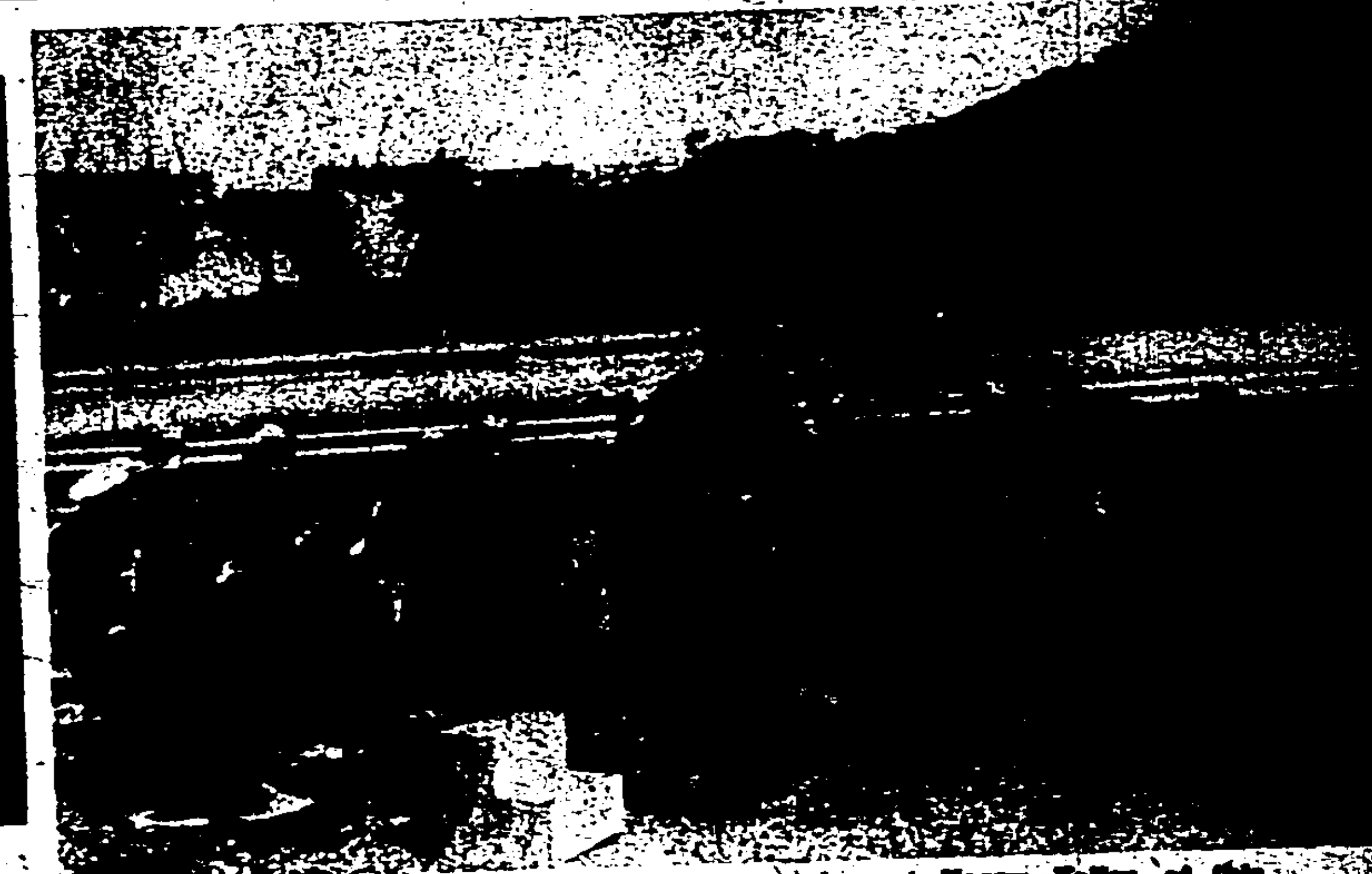
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The Master of the President Cleveland with officials of the Line. (Francis Wu).



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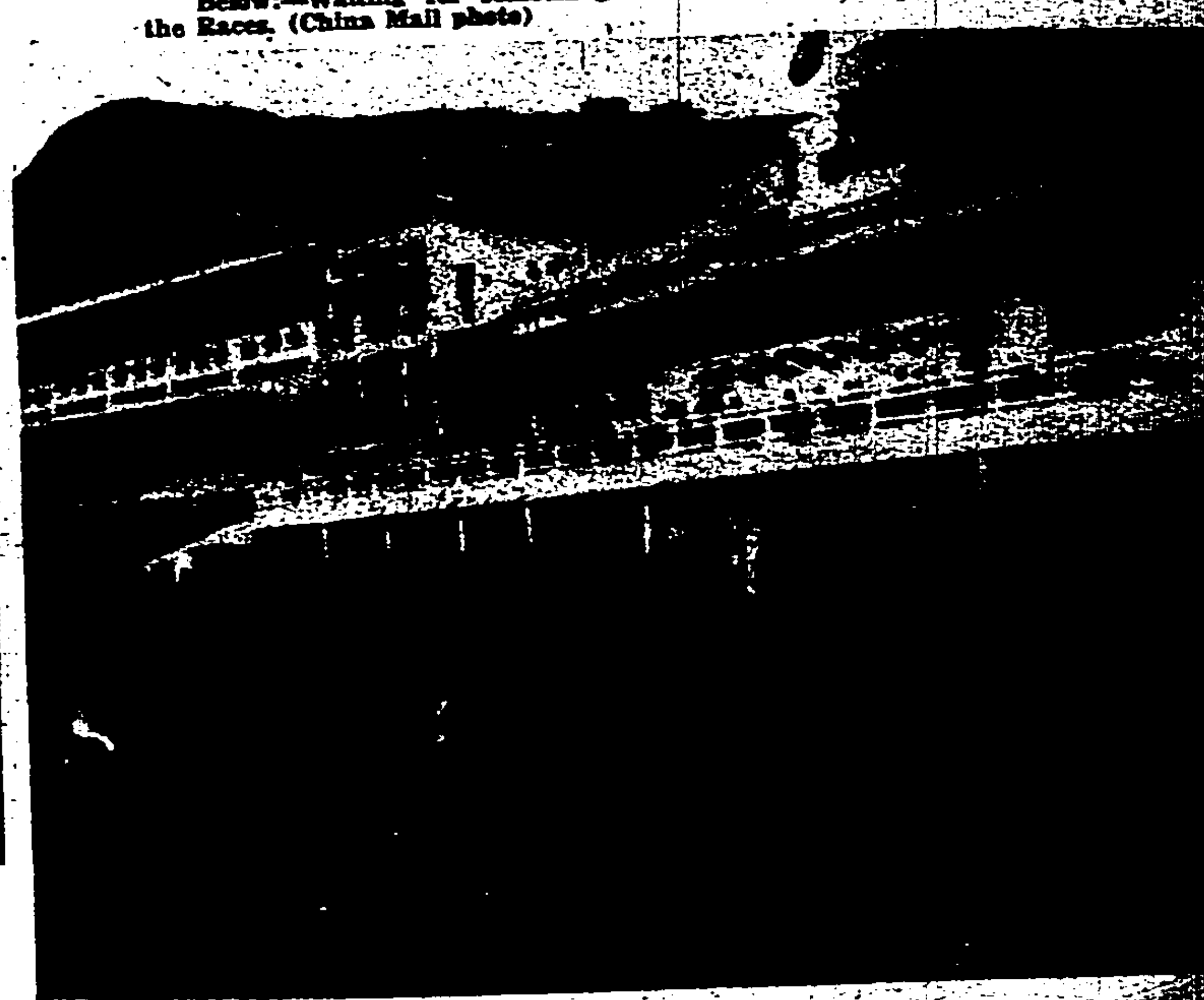
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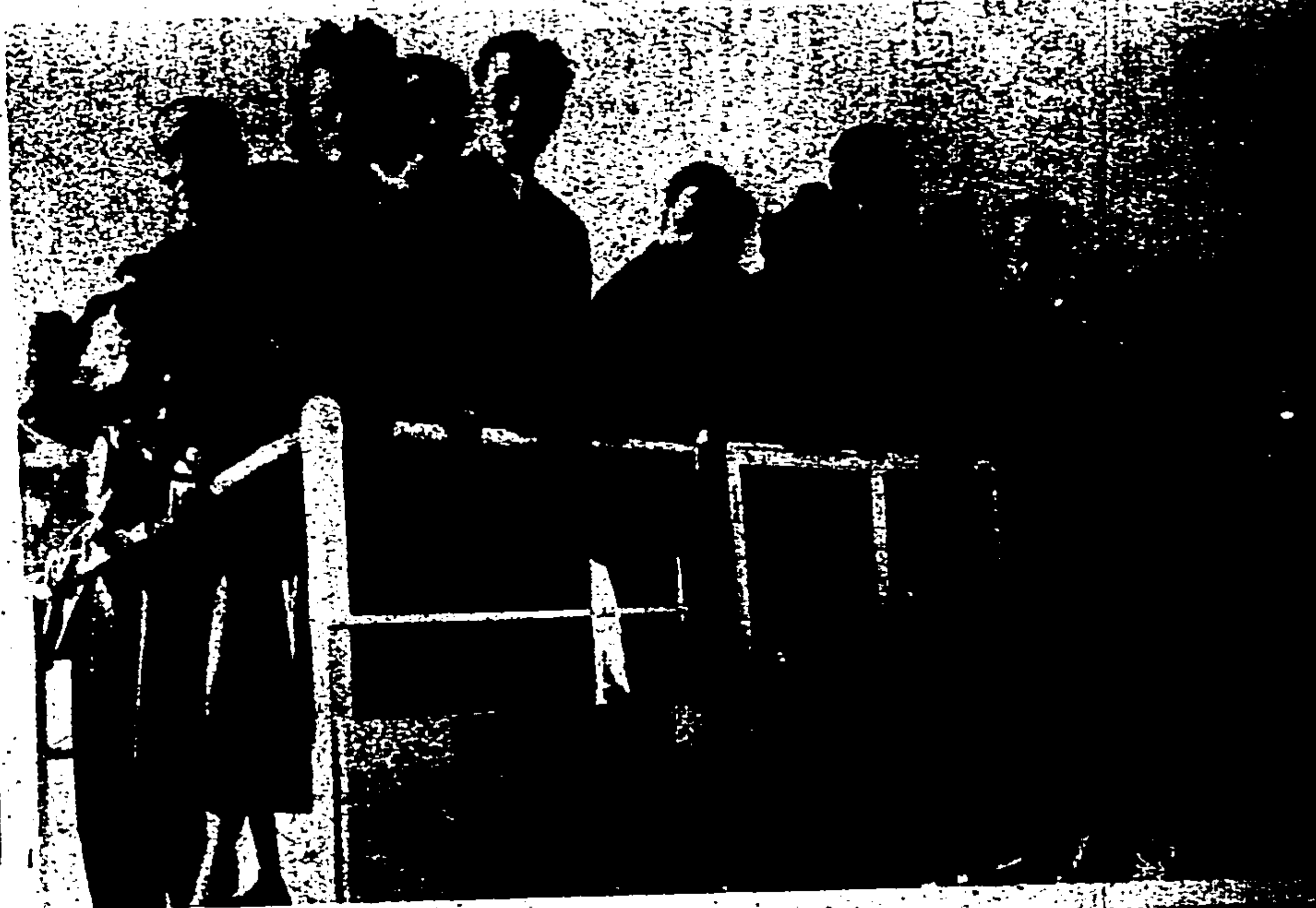




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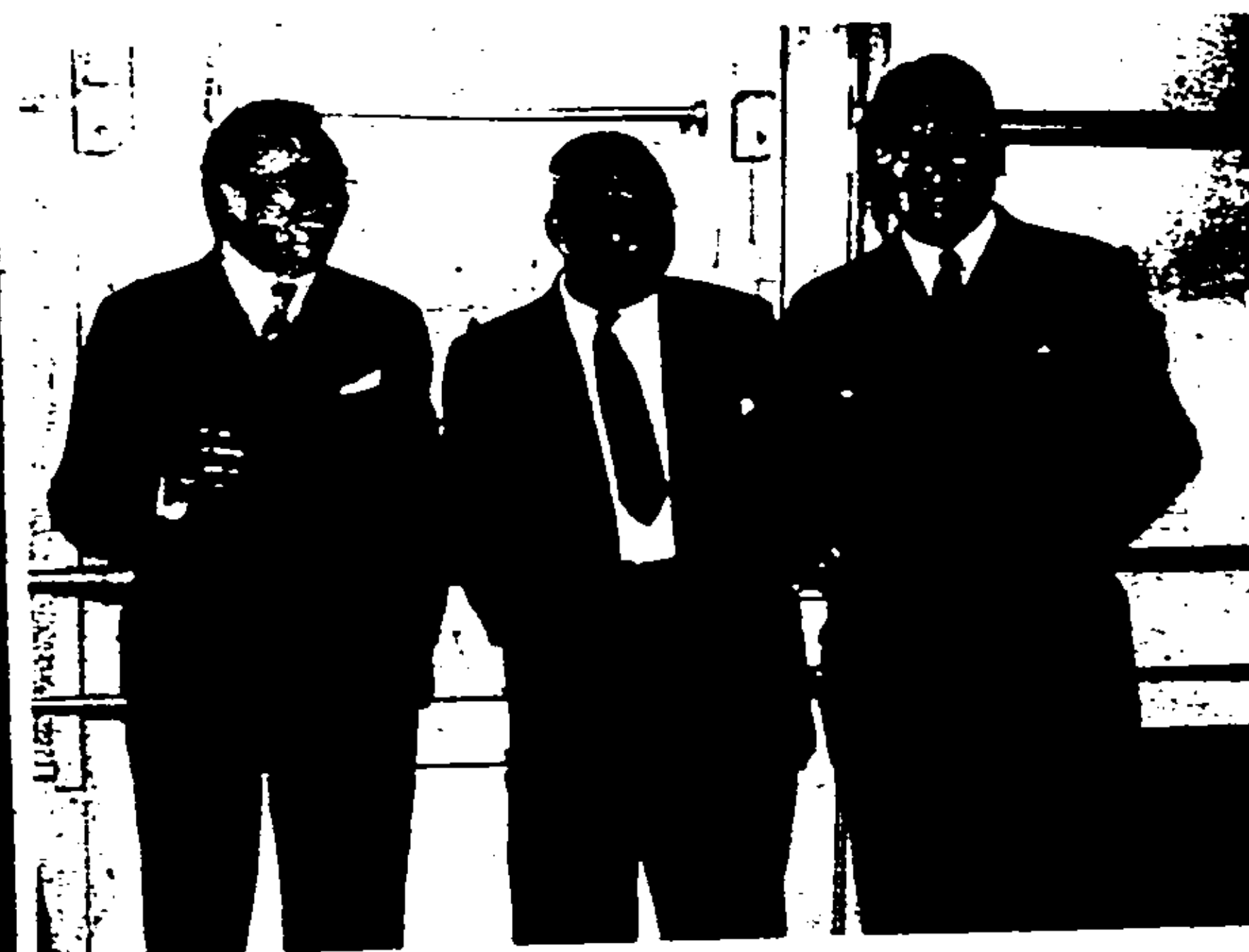
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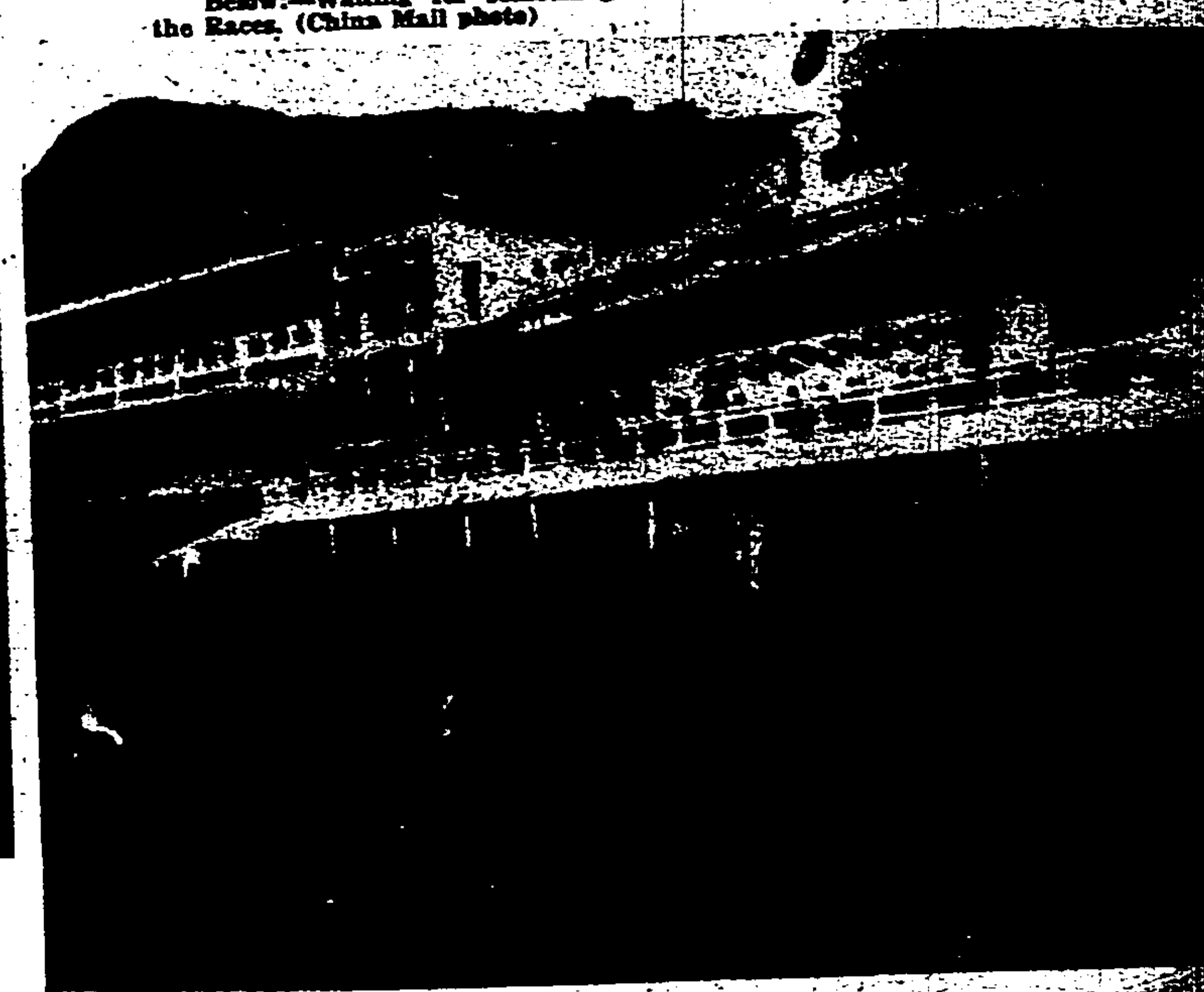
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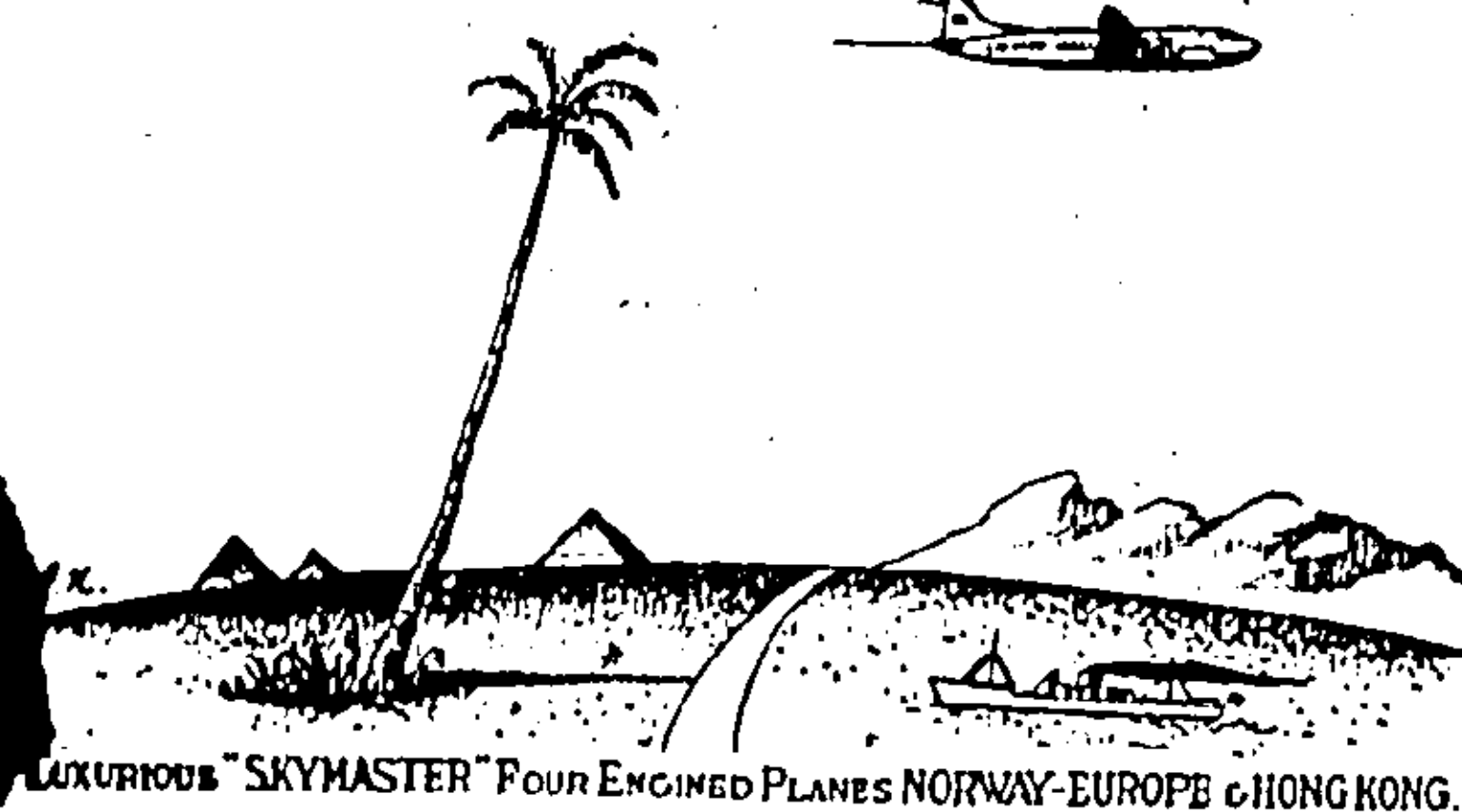
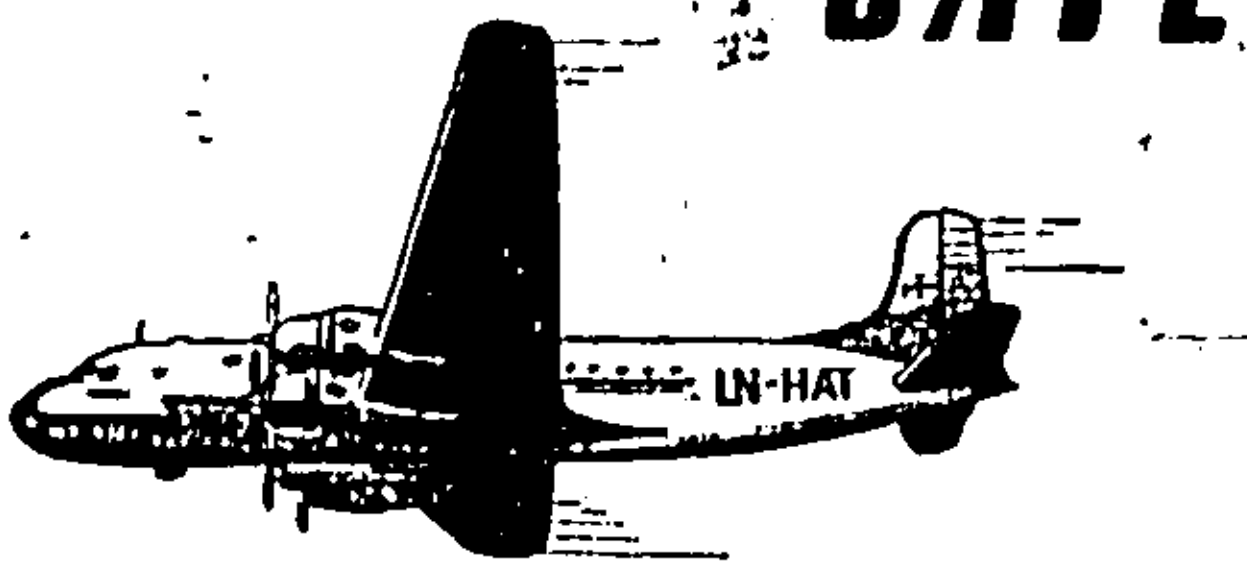
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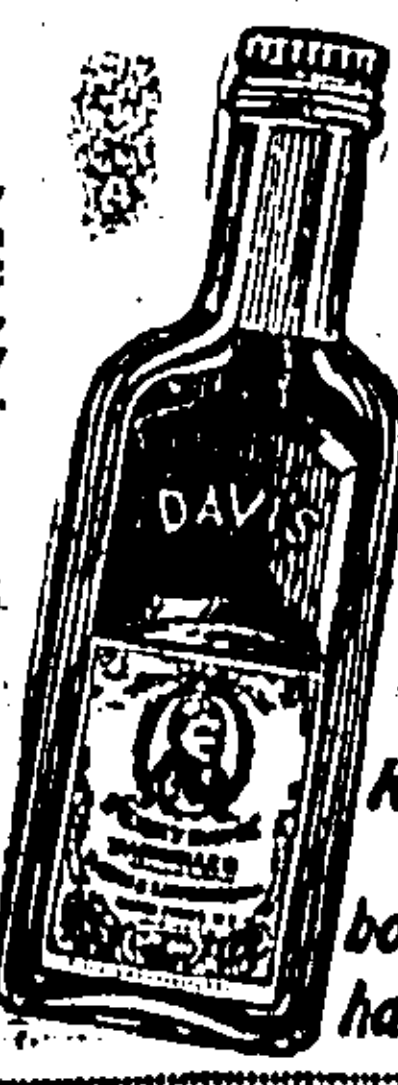
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World's Need For Leadership

LONDON, JAN. 23.
THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, TODAY FOLLOWED UP THE WARNING TO SOVIET RUSSIA AGAINST "PLAYING WITH FIRE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS" GIVEN BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, YESTERDAY, WITH ANOTHER STRONG ATTACK ON COMMUNISM.

"We recognise that there is in Communism a dynamic force," he said in winding up the two-day debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons. "It is a fanatical movement, enlisting the support of people of a certain type of mind or in a certain condition of society, and it has become the official creed of a great nation."

"It has but slight appeal to those with experience of Western civilisation, but it does make an appeal to backward peoples who have never known anything better. Communism has a tremendous driving force. But Britain is not prepared to accept Communism, although she wishes to have the friendliest relations with the people of Soviet Russia and with the Communist state."

"We are absolutely opposed to the Communist way of life. The police state is a completely repugnant to the people of Western Europe."

"We shall not try to foist our system on the Soviet Union and we equally demand they should not attempt to foist theirs on us."

"I am sure Mr. Stalin is enough of a realist to appreciate the complete failure during the difficult inter-war years of the Communist creed to make any effective advance in this country."

"Therefore, he should give up the idea that somehow or other Britain is going to turn to Communism."

Britain, he said, was opposed to the Communist conception of uniformity.

"The essence of democracy is the difference of opinion, free discussion, tolerance of other people's points of view."

"The world we want to see is one in which there are a number of diverse and different units as compared with the Communist world, in which they try to make Bulgaria and Yugoslavia little copies of Russia."

War Of Ideas

"If Western civilisation is to stand against this ideological assault—I am talking of a war of ideas and not of bombs—it must attain a degree of unity. But any attempt to get uniformity would defeat the very object we have in mind."

Mr. Attlee said that although Britain naturally desired to see all countries turn to democratic socialism, it was not for Britain to interfere. He believed, however, they could all work together despite differences because they had one point in common—believing that in a modern world, there must be a ordered economy.

The 19th-century conception of an "autarkic system of private enterprise" was dead. Another thing which united Western Europe was the recognition of human rights.

"It is curious that there are some would-be Leftwingers who close their eyes to the absence of human rights when they look to Eastern Europe. These people have no right to claim they are in the van of human progress. The only van they are in is the police van."

"In the field of human rights, Russia and the states of Eastern Europe are right at the back end of the queue."

He could not understand how people could oppose the Marshall Plan when they had nothing whatever to put in its place, unless they were prepared to march to the realisation of their ideals through death and starvation of millions.

Britain's Chance

Mr. Attlee believed that Britain has the chance of giving a great lead. Britain was showing that what amounted to a social revolution could be brought about by peaceful and democratic means—that one could get a planned economy without sacrificing human rights and liberties. That was the work she had before her.

Amid cheers, Mr. Attlee said he did not believe it was good to be talking of war. On the other hand, it was no good shutting one's eyes to the possibility of war.

"I do not believe war to be imminent, but I believe we have to use our greatest exertions to do away with the causes of war and prevent war arising."

There was anxiety in the House of Commons over the results of the world being divided on ideological lines. There was also great anxiety at the course of the Russian actions. There was a general desire to know the real object of the Russian policy about Russia. No answer was given over by those who habitually explained the Russian point of view.

Leadership

Parliament, Mr. Attlee declared, recognised the need of leadership in the non-Communist world, and there was general support for Mr. Bevin's policy of closer political and economic integration of Europe, coupled with the recognition that Western Europe could not live by itself.

Hence this desire for a wider integration with Africa and other overseas territories with the great Western democracies and with the United Nations. The union of Europe needed to be achieved under the larger unity of the United Nations Organisation. European civilisation must spread all over the world.

As for the practical steps on European economy, there was already ready machinery in progress for the allocation of wheat, rice, oil, and other materials, some on a world and some on a European basis.

The possibilities of a Western European customs union had already been examined and were in the process of passing through the technical stages at Brussels. This would mean that trade would eventually become free throughout that area.

"We should press ahead with

ESSENCE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE

(By Sylvain Mangeot, Reuters diplomatic correspondent)

LONDON, JAN. 23.
The Government, with the approval of all parties, had committed itself to the creation of an association of Western European countries, in the first place, through joint economic planning and a five-power treaty of alliance between Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

This, in a sentence, is the essence of the two-day foreign affairs debate, which concluded tonight in the House of Commons.

One speaker, the Leftwinger, Mr. Richard Crossman, today claimed that the new policy announced by the Foreign Secretary, amounts to an abandonment by Britain of her traditional aim of a European balance of power as a result of the recognition that Europe has become a mere factor in a world balance of power.

The Foreign Secretary and the Prime Minister, resisted to announce a detailed plan of Britain's new adventure in foreign policy. Consequently, only events can show how far Mr. Crossman's claim that a landmark in British foreign policy was effected today is justified.

For the present, Mr. Bevin and Mr. Attlee prefer to achieve limited results in laying the foundations of a Western European association and then to build a wider union on these results.

They acknowledge the risk of being accused of failing to give sufficient dynamic lead to encourage the war-shattered people of Western Europe to resist the persistent threat of Communist encroachment.

Britain's Aim

A spokesman for the Government made it quite clear that the European association, at which Britain is aiming, is not intended to be exclusive, politically or geographically; is not antagonistic to any power; and is based on the realisation that since the economy of the Western European countries is not complementary, the existing links with Africa, Asia and the Western Hemisphere must be developed as an integral part of the new planned European economy.

Neither the Foreign Secretary nor the Prime Minister tried to minimise the difficulties of the task to which the British and French Governments have committed themselves, either in the economic or in the ideological field.

Soviet Terms

Moscow, Jan. 23.
A Tass agency dispatch from Washington today said that Russia had proposed that the United States take "full consideration" of the Soviet Army's contribution toward victory in re-writing the terms of settlement of the US\$20,000,000,000 wartime Lend-Lease programme.

The dispatch said Russia "again applied to the United States Government on December 16" with a note in which it proposed conclusion of an agreement.—United Press.

the utmost vigour with this idea, consistent with the immense complexities of this problem."

The Navy

Mr. Attlee told Mr. Churchill that the scrapping of old battleships would not materially weaken Britain's strength. The decision to scrap the ships was taken on the best technical advice.

He declined a suggestion by Mr. Churchill that Britain should give Russia the ships she lent her in the war, as Russia would leave Italy the ship allotted to Russia and the Italian peace treaty.

The scrap, Mr. Attlee said, would be extremely useful to Britain.—Reuter.

Informal Visit By Elizabeth

LONDON, JAN. 23.
Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by her secretary, Mr. John Colville, and her Lady-in-Waiting, Lady Margaret Seymour, visited the House of Commons today to hear the debate on foreign affairs.

It was her first informal visit to the House of Commons to hear a debate although she had been present at occasional openings of Parliament by the King.

The Princess took her place in the Speaker's gallery and listened eagerly to Mr. Churchill's speech.

When Mr. Churchill advised the House to leave the past to history and added piously: "I propose to write that history myself," the Princess joined heartily in the laughter.

The Duke of Edinburgh spent part of the morning in the House of Lords at a private rehearsal of next week's ceremony when he will take his place in the House of Lords.

He joined the Princess in the House of Commons to listen to the debate during the afternoon.—Reuter.

Paris, Jan. 23.
The World Federation of Trade Unions announced here today that the departure of the Federation's investigation mission to Palestine had been indefinitely postponed following the British Government's refusal to accept responsibility for its safety.—Reuter.

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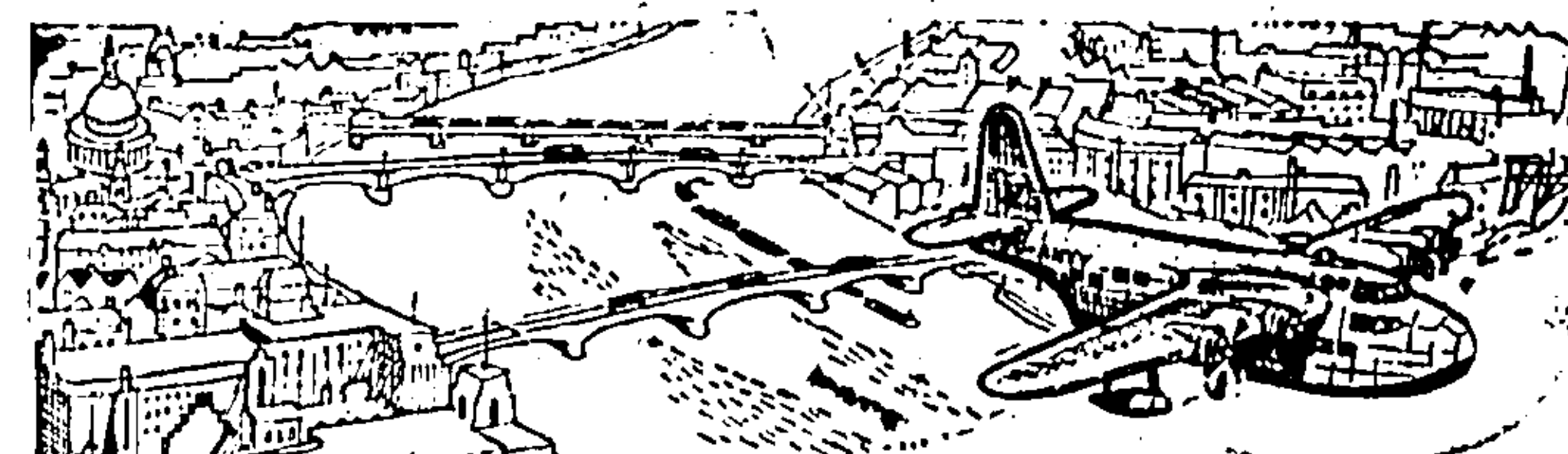
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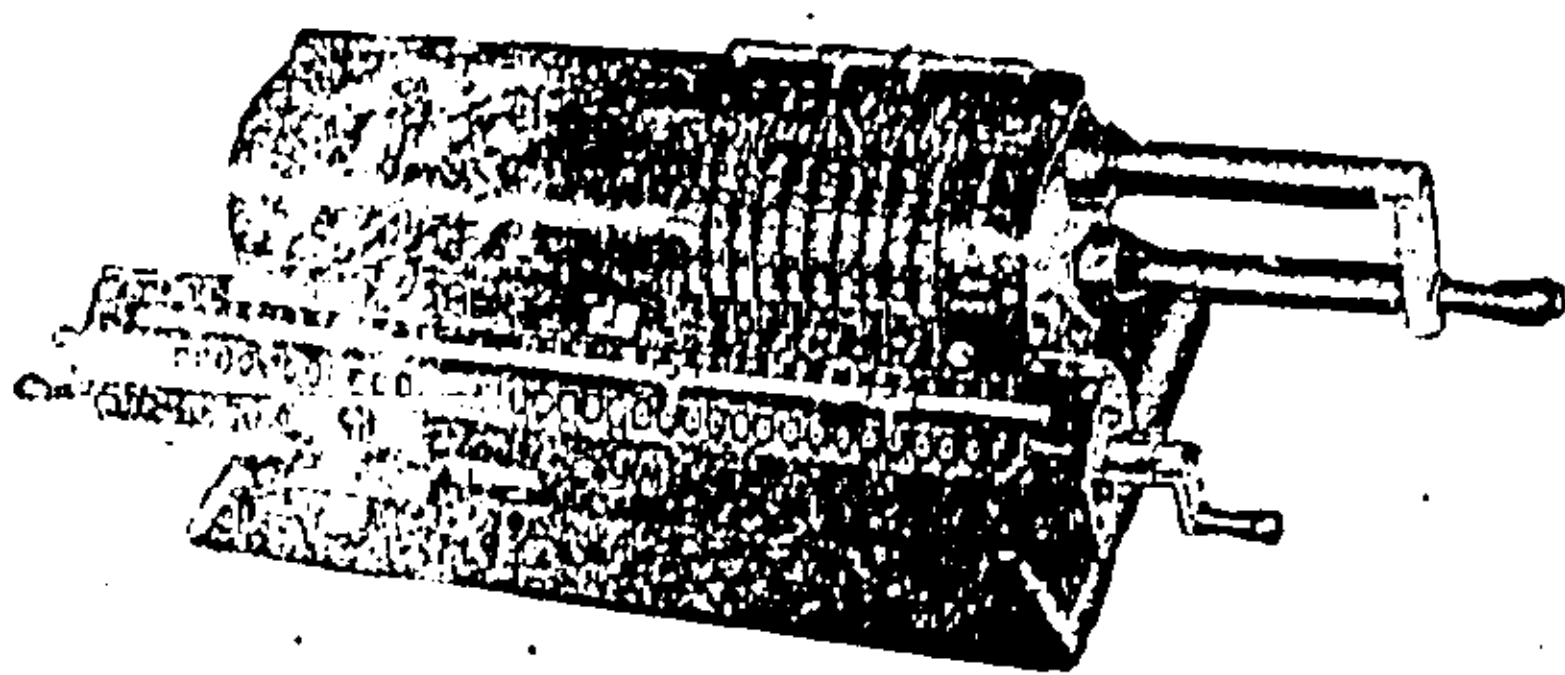
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New Treatment Of Russia By Western Powers: Two Developments

Need For Plain Language

(By John M. Hightower)

Washington, Jan. 24.

Treatment of Russia by the Western Powers has entered a new and much rougher era—an era of blunt frankness which could either speed a final breakdown between the Soviet Union and the West, or clear the way for a peaceful understanding.

Two developments spotlighted this turn of affairs with dramatic sharpness:—

(1) In London, Mr. Bevin announced plans for a Union of Western States to race a "frankness" drive by Russia to enter Europe. He said one-power domination of the Continent "will inevitably lead to another World War."

(2) In Washington, the propaganda resources of the United States Government were thrown into the task of getting the fullest possible publicity throughout the world but especially in Europe for the official disclosures of the 1939-41 relations between the discredited rulers of Nazi Germany and the men who now rule Russia.

The "Voice of America" broadcast was carrying it in all languages. It uses, including Russian, reports of the official German records published by the U.S. State Department on the subject of Nazi-Soviet relations.

Curious

Some officials here saw a curious, perhaps prophetic relationship between Bevin's speech and the information brought out with the disclosure of the long secret Nazi records. Bevin contended that Russia wants to dominate Europe, by contrast with the partnership deals the Kremlin was willing to make with Hitler in 1939 and 1941. The Soviet ambitions as now reported are vastly swollen.

Russia acquired vast territory in eastern Europe at the end of the war. There is some belief among authorities here that a temporarily effective settlement between the Soviet Union and the western powers could have been made months ago if the United States and Britain had been willing to recognize Russia's claim to domination throughout the area. The secret documents now disclosed showed that Nazi and Soviet diplomats always met on the basis of excluding British and American influences and ideas completely from Europe.

At the end of the war Russia found that she was confronted with powerful Western armies which controlled all that she did not control. There began then the period of increasing friction.

Neither side was willing to accept the views of the other.

Gen. Franco Extends An Invitation

Madrid, Jan. 23.

General Franco has invited Mr. Paul Culbertson, the United States Charge d'Affaires in Madrid, to join a weekend shooting party in Southern Spain.

The Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Arenas, will also be present.

It is understood that opportunity will be taken to discuss the present and future relations between the United States and Spain. Interest is added to this meeting in view of the recent statements concerning the eventual possibility of Spain participating in the Marshall Plan.—Router.

FROSTY TRUMAN COMMENT

Washington, Jan. 23.

Herbert Hoover's proposals for trimming the Marshall Plan into a frosty reception by President Harry Truman today and a series of prominent witnesses before Senate and House of Representatives Committees came to the President's support.

But Congress objectors to the European programme took encouragement from recommendations that the commitment be limited to 10 months and that the estimated \$50,000,000 cost be cut.—Associated Press.

On the kind of Europe that ought to be brought into existence. There remained only the alternative of making the kind of Europe wanted in the territory actually available.

Only Half

Out of this situation grew a Marshall Plan for the economic unification and revival of all Europe, which in fact can now be applied to only half of Europe.

Finally, there has grown up the intensified propaganda campaign which now is little short of brutal frankness, that characterizes talk between enemies in wartime.

There are some in Washington high places who feel that such tactics can do no good and may do considerable harm. But most officials seem convinced that the time has come for unvarnished language.

They reason that if there is any merit in the theory that only American power can block Russian domination of Europe, then that power should be openly applied in understandable words as well as in action.—Associated Press.

Warm Support For Bevin Plan

London, Jan. 23.

Mr. Bevin's proposal for a consolidation of Western European countries to stem Communist expansion found quick and warm support today in the French and Italian Governments. Leaders in Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg spoke cautiously but favourably of the British diplomatic move. Comment in Scandinavian newspapers pointed up the reluctance of Russian neighbours to commit themselves to an outright cleavage between the East and West.

Government sources in traditionally neutral Switzerland were not enthusiastic about joining what one official described as a bloc.

France had joined Great Britain in approaching the Benelux customs combine of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. French officials said they "naturally" approved Bevin's statement.

Conservative and Rightist newspapers in Paris praised the undertaking. "The Independent" said that now "western Europe will be united politically, economically and militarily."

The Communist "Humanite" of Paris called Bevin's speech "a harangue full of shots and insolence for our great ally of the East."

Italian Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza said: "Italy will be happy to co-operate with all her force on a footing of equality, even in the organizing stage."—Associated Press.

Switzerland

Berne, Jan. 23.

Mr. Bevin's speech, regarded here as Britain's formal recognition of the division of Europe, brought new assurances from Swiss officials to-day that Switzerland is determined to remain neutral.

Switzerland's attitude, it was stated, was reflected in the fact that while the first Swiss economic mission to Moscow was on its way to arrange closer economic ties with the Soviet Union, preparations were being made in the Swiss capital to receive the French Marshall Plan delegation, next Tuesday.

Swiss participation in the Marshall Plan, officials insisted, was purely economic.—Router.

New Zealand

Christchurch, Jan. 23.

Mr. Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, commenting on Mr. Ernest Bevin's foreign policy statement, said today:

"When it comes to the United Kingdom Government standing, as it does, four square for democracy and self-determination for all nations against any form of dictatorship, whatever, then the New Zealand Government and people stand solidly."

"Ireland's Call To Arms"

Dublin, Jan. 23. Posters headed "Ireland's call to arms," signed by the "Army Council," appeared on hoardings in Dublin. Referring to the "various political parties claiming to be Republican," the posters "called on the young men of Ireland to rally to the standard of the Republic to arm, train and organize and equip themselves in the army of the Republic to meet the demands of exigencies of struggles forced upon us."—Reuter.

America's Supply Of Gold

Washington, Jan. 23. United States money-supply gold reached \$22,829,346,132 yesterday — \$30,000,000 above the 1941 record and three-fifths of the world total of such gold — which excludes \$687,500,000 worth of gold subscribed to the World Monetary Fund and \$350,000,000 held by Federal Reserve banks for foreign owners.

The supply, which is growing at the rate of \$200,000,000 a month, mainly comes from foreign countries as payment. Russia, which is reported to hold the second largest stock, sent to the United States over \$27,500,000 worth of gold in 1947.—Reuter.

'IKE' WON'T RUN FOR PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 23. General Dwight D. Eisenhower said flatly today: "I am not available for, and could not accept nomination to high political office."

The U.S. Army Chief of Staff's statement referred to the entry of his name in the New Hampshire presidential primary on March 9.

"It would seem almost superfluous for me to add that as long as I live I shall hold myself in instant readiness to respond to and call by the Government to military duty."

Eisenhower is scheduled to go on terminal leave from the army around February 15 and on June 11 become President of Columbia University.—Associated Press.

But

New York, Jan. 23. Leonard V. Finner, publisher and Manchester Union leader, today indicated that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's supporters would continue pressing his candidacy despite his disavowal.

In California, former Assemblyman Maurice Atkinson said the group being incorporated to put the General's name on the ballot would not cease its activities. He praised Gen. Eisenhower's modesty, but said that now it was a case of the office seeking the man.—United Press.

Hunt For Man In Dock Area

Dublin, Jan. 23.

James Nolan, 23-year-old prison escapee, who is being sought following shooting incidents in Dublin on Wednesday, was still at large this morning.

The Dublin police have received reports of Nolan being seen in various parts of the city but the hunt has been concentrated in the dock area, where the shooting took place, as three men were surrounded by the police.

During the shooting, Chief Superintendent Gantly of the Irish C.I.D. was fatally shot and at the inquest yesterday, it was stated that the bullet which killed him came from another detective's revolver.

A reward is offered for information leading to Nolan's arrest. He escaped on Christmas Eve from the Mountjoy Prison while awaiting trial in connection with a £1,700 smash and grab raid.—Reuter.

Rome, Jan. 23.

The Italian Socialist Party Congress tonight voted for a joint list with the Communists in the forthcoming Italian elections. According to provisional figures, 519,616 voted for and 243,159 voted against.—Reuter.

Wishful Red Thinking

Rome, Jan. 23.

The Communist newspaper "Unita" said today that recent visits of Spanish prelates to the Holy See indicated the Vatican is withdrawing "unconditional support" from General Franco.

"The Vatican has felt a growing attitude of serious opposition to the Franco regime among Spaniards and consequently has instructed its representatives in Spain to limit their formal manifestations and avoid, where possible, sharing too openly the responsibilities of Franco's policy."

Monsignor Emanuel Fernandez Corda of the Vatican Secretariat of State denied that the visits had any special significance. He said the Spanish prelates come to Rome yearly as a matter of routine.—Associated Press.

SAME YARN

Belgrade, Jan. 23.

Another of the accused in the trial at Skopje of a Turkish minority illegal organization claimed yesterday that a "foreign ambassador" had been giving instructions to the group.

The accused said that a meeting in Belgrade with this diplomat had given information which he later heard in a foreign broadcast, and for which he was paid gold.—Associated Press.

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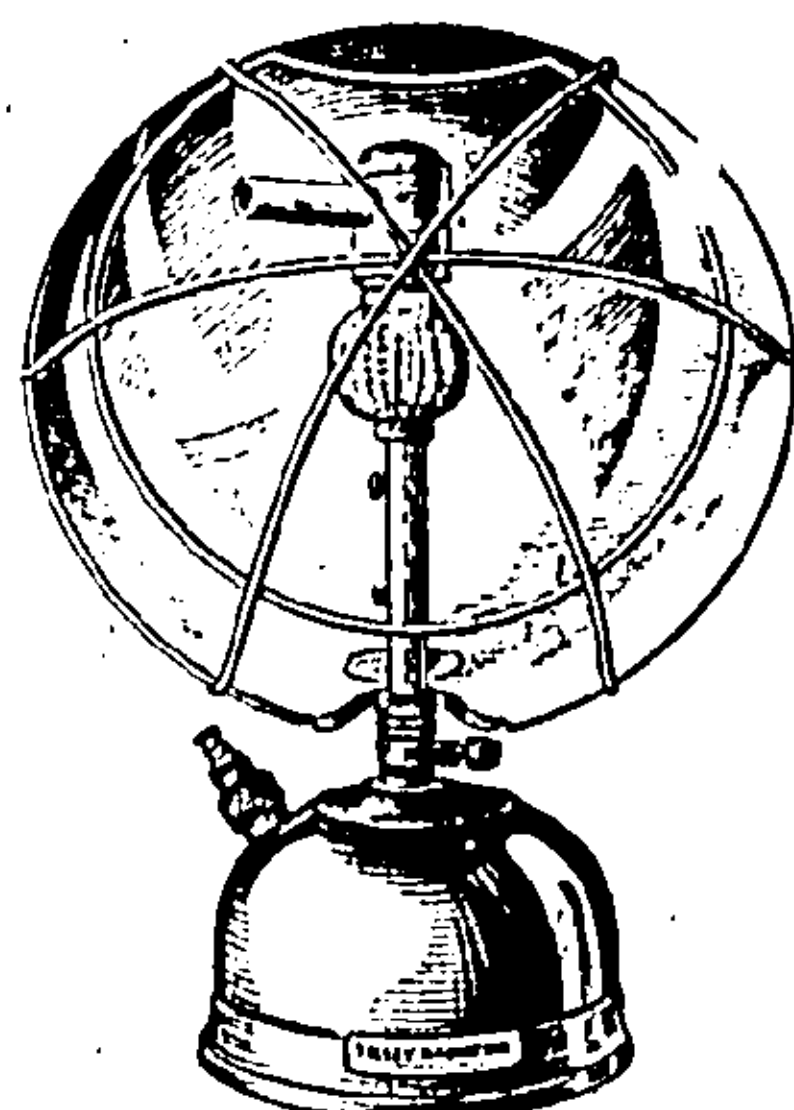
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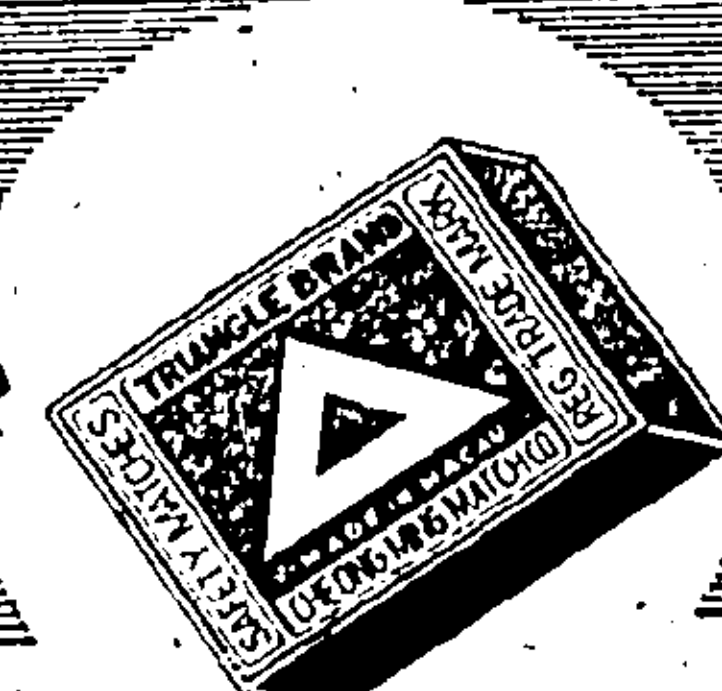
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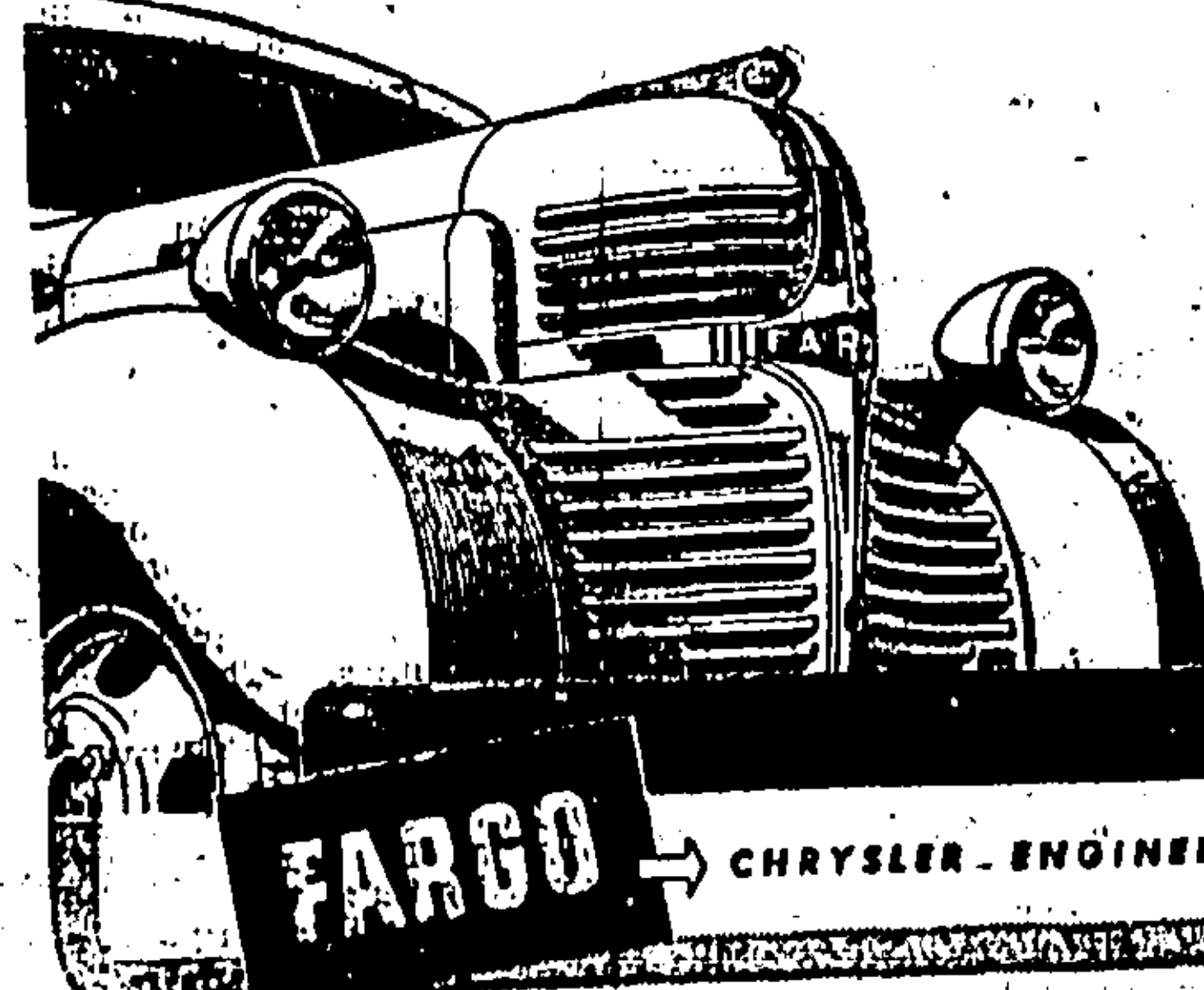


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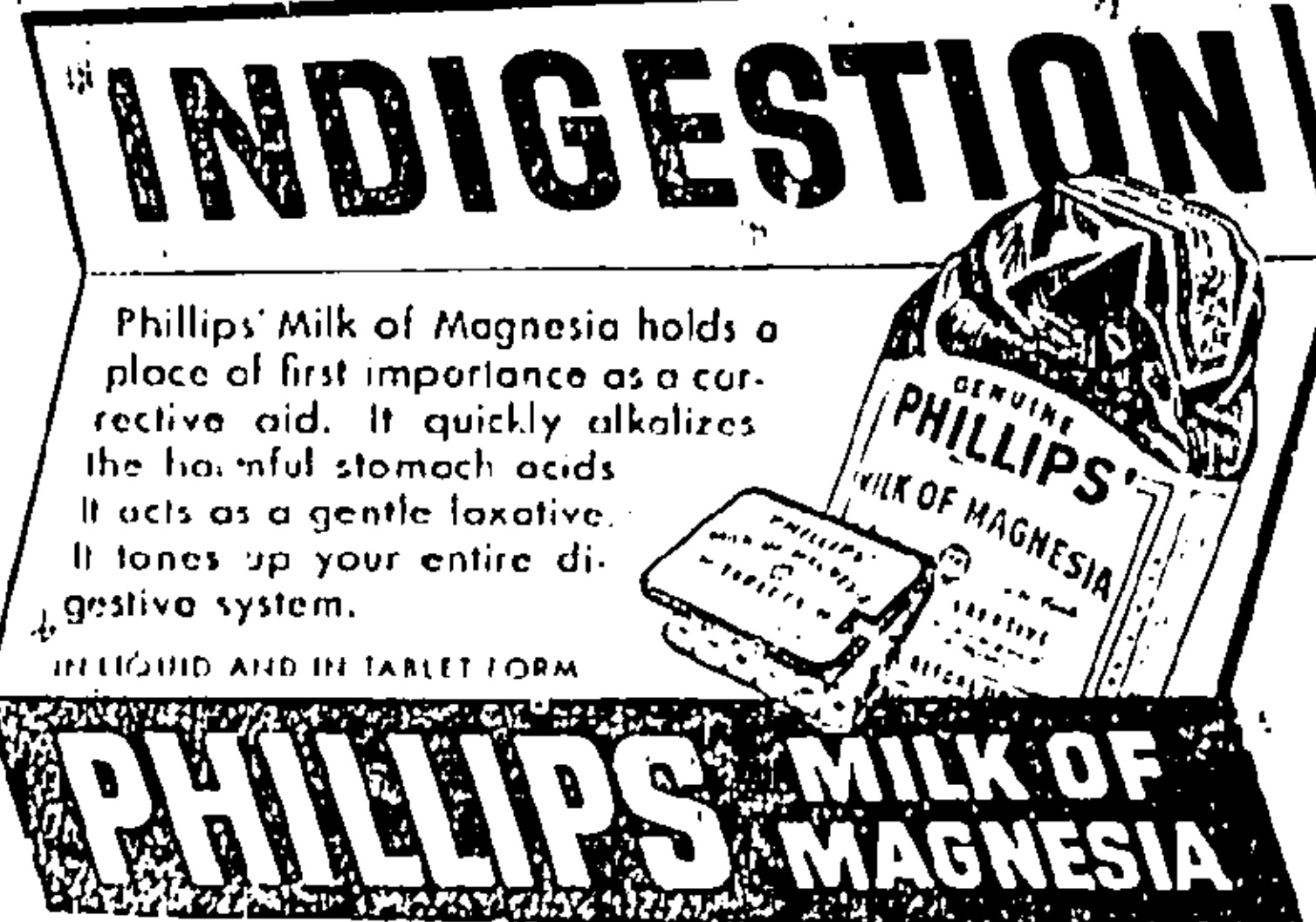
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and propounds the solution: True Christianity in the land of its origin.

The world's attempt to solve the Palestine problem is going into action.

UNO commissions are arriving. The British administration is packing up. The Jews are preparing to inaugurate their State, and the Arabs are preparing to destroy the Jewish State.

In Jerusalem it is like watching helplessly the working of a machine which, through grotesque error in design, must inevitably explode.

There is an extraordinary flavor of split-personality about the everyday scene in Palestine. There is a sense of incongruity, of a balance which cannot be maintained—the reflections of a deep temperamental friction which is now smoldering into flame.

Jaffa, for instance, has the narrow, erratic streets, the sly smell of dirt, the ramshackle architecture, the click clack of dominoes on cafe tables, the black-robed women with baskets on their heads, the harsh chatter of tongues, the cheerful, happy-go-lucky air of any Arab city.

Joined on to it by a mere hyphen of British barbed wire is Jewish Tel Aviv, a city of wide, clean, tree-lined streets, Cubist architecture, shops full of Viennese pastries, women in fur coats talking German, advertisements for symphony concerts, neon signs, beauty parlours, and chromium bars.

Up in the bare hills you find villages looking unaccountably like illustrations from children's Bibles, white-robed shepherds tending scrawny flocks, immense barren areas of arid, mauve mountains that look like the charred skeleton of the earth.

Down below, half an hour's walk away, the plain is quilted with a thick green patch of orange and lemon groves—the vast plantations of the new citrus-fruit industry.

Like Oil With Water

In Jerusalem you get all the diverse elements jumbled up as though they had been shaken together in a vat and spilled out haphazard on to a rocky hilltop. The whole land has an oddly unreal, synthetic quality which is heightened in Jerusalem by the incredible confusion of religious architecture of all styles and eras and centuries.

Stirred up with the basic Arab ingredients in Palestine are the relics of 400 years of Turkish domination, the curiously distinctive flavour of 30 years of British occupation, the strong, heady brew of new Hebrew nationalism, and all the trimmings of international Christian piety.

And the result is not a smooth mixture but a fight.

UNO's solution is to keep the ingredients apart—send the British home, put the Jews into a Jewish State, put the Arabs into an Arab State, and make Jerusalem (the Holy City of Jews, Arabs, and Christians) an international area.

On paper, 7,000 miles away, it may have looked possible. In practice, on the spot, it looks grotesque.

Partition

Most of the Jews, in fact, accepted the idea of it with rejoicing. It was quite as much as they had ever hoped to get. At long last they have been given a national home—the national home promised them 30 years ago by the Balfour Declaration.

Its shape is very queer—angular pockets of territory scattered about all over the map of Palestine—and it does not include the holy city of Zion. But it is a beginning. And all but the extremists are very satisfied.

The Jews are settling about the preparation of their new State with the same cleverness and energy. It will be an autocratic, rather Prussian sort of State, judging by what they have done so far.

The atmosphere of it will be exclusive and chosen-racey—an exclusiveness that will be emphasized by its language and its alphabet, which no one else in the world uses. But it will certainly work—provided it is allowed to.

The Jews want to work, therefore they desire peace and harmony with their Arab neighbours. With many of them the desire is so strong that they believe the thing is possible.

They have persuaded themselves that the Arab opposition will fizzle out in muddle and bickering and lack of co-operation. They think the Arabs will prove totally incapable of ruling themselves in an enlightened way and of maintaining a high standard of living.

And they do not believe the outside Arab world will ever get around to launching really concerted measures against the Jewish State.

On the other hand, if the Arabs do fight, then the Jews will fight back. And with their iron discipline, their superior arms, their scientific methods, and their American financial backing the Jews hope to do pretty well. At first, at any rate, they can rely on gaining some quick successes, and who knows how far the Arab States will go in maintaining a real war?

The Future of Irgun

But peace is better than any war, and the Jewish leaders still, in a dim, wishful-thinking way, hope for peace. And one of their biggest obstacles is their own extremist group—in particular, Irgun.

Although all the more moderate Jews have persistently denounced Irgun's terrorism, they probably now admit that the terrorists have done a good job. Certainly they have alienated foreign sympathy, but it wasn't sympathy the Jews wanted.

They wanted rather to make the world believe that they were ruthlessly, fanatically in earnest about Palestine.

They wanted to keep their attitude constantly before the eyes of the world. And Irgun did it for them very efficiently.

But that stage is over now. Partition has been achieved, and the moderate Jews have accepted it. It is time for terrorism to stop.

But Irgun have not accepted partition. They are extreme Zionists, and to them a solution which does not give the city of Zion to the Jews is meaningless.

In fact, the Jewish State will have to treat them as common criminals and suppress them by force if it can. But it won't like doing it, and Irgun is an exceptionally skilful and expert organization. The British Police have failed abysmally to check it. And the moderate Jews won't find it easy.

On the other hand, the practical chances are that the Jewish State will need Irgun as an ally. For only the blind, wishful-thinker in Palestine today can really suppose that the Jewish State is going to begin by functioning normally and peacefully.

Haganah—the nominally illegal but unofficially recognised Jewish militia—will become an army and will defend the Jewish territories. And Irgun will fight with it.

The Jews will fight. Many Arabs believe they won't. They think that after the first battle the Jews will collapse and agree to become a docile, unrepresentative minority in an Arab-ruled Palestine.

But this, too, is wishful thinking. It ignores the fanatical strength of the Jewish mentality—the ungovernable instinct to return to Zion, the feeling of being a race apart, the knowledge that there is no going back and no alternative.

Arabs And Partition

Because it is an emotion that only Jews can feel, the Arabs tend to believe that it doesn't really exist. But it does. The Jews will fight.

The Arabs, too, are prepared to fight. They are greater individualists than the Jews, less scientific, less organised, less fiercely single-minded in the strength of their feelings.

But their emotions are thoroughly aroused now, and every day a bigger back-log of racial hatred is being built up.

In fact, the Arabs have scarcely bothered to look at partition. They are doing nothing at all that could be interpreted as tacit acceptance of it.

They are preparing no administration to rule their part of Palestine, because they cannot admit that they only possess part of Palestine.

They simply have not accepted UNO's ruling, and how UNO is going to enforce its ruling in this circumstance is something that no one in Palestine can imagine.

UNO's scheme involves as many frontiers as a jigsaw puzzle, all dictated by the necessity of incorporating this or that outlying Jewish community in the Jewish State.

In the Negev, the huge, bare desert of Southern Palestine, the Jews planted out 14 "satellite" settlements, where every drinking water has to come across the desert by pipeline. The soil is too barren to tempt any normal settlers.

But by virtue of the existence of these 14 settlements, the Jews have been awarded the whole Negev.

It is hard to blame the Arabs for their alarm about this Jewish cuckoo which the British have been fostering in the Arab nest.

The Arab Reparations

The incidents of the last few weeks have been the unorganised letting off of racial steam—fights based on any thing which strikes fire in this hyperemotional atmosphere and are nourished on revenge and counter-revenge.

Since it is genuine, passionate fighting it is hard to prevent or suppress. It may break out suddenly anywhere, like an underground fire.

All the more serious Arab authorities are in favour of waiting till the British have gone before starting serious operations. For the British have pledged themselves to keep order in the areas they occupy, and there is no sense in fighting the British as well as the Jews.

So no Holy War has been proclaimed yet, or anything like it. The Arab world is simply making its preparations.

The internal complications within the Arab world are subtle and extreme.

The Arab world has formally decided not to send in its national armies but to encourage volunteer recruiting. And some pretty impressive figures have been published of the number of recruits already training and the number expected to train.

Like most Arab figures, these ones are wildly wrong. In the camps near Damascus, where the main training is done, there are only a relatively insignificant number of recruits so far.

Only a handful have come across the Palestine border already. The Arab preparations are not very advanced.

On the other hand, the Arab world is full of warrior tribes who genuinely love fighting. There are millions of rifles scattered through the Middle East, and Egypt has stocks of heavier weapons. Already she is said to be smuggling artillery up to Palestine.

The Transjordan Possibility

The nigger in the Arab woodpile is ambitious, pro-British King Abdullah of Transjordan. He goes to Arab League meetings and he assents to what is said there, but none of the others really trust him.

He has two special assets—a large common frontier with Palestine and the best body of troops in the Middle East. And he is likely to try to use both.

The other Arabs suspect him of being prepared to recognise partition and do a deal with the Jews. In return for being allowed to incorporate the Arab areas of Palestine in his kingdom, he would recognise the Jewish State.

Then he would move his capital to Palestine and start hatching schemes for the conquest of Syria—another of his dreams.

There are many people who see this as the only possible peaceful solution of the Palestine tangle. But it would not be quite so simple as it sounds. Several other conditions would have to be fulfilled:

1. It is not certain that Abdullah would have the courage to fly in the face of the entire Arab world. The Mufti's influence is very strong in Palestine and he has great backing outside it.

2. It is not absolutely certain that Abdullah could count on the loyalty of his own troops in an adventure which all other Arabs would interpret as pro-Jew and anti-Arab.

3. The effect of British influence remains a doubtful quantity (Abdullah's army is financed and officered by the British).

4. There would not be much sense in Abdullah recognising the Jewish State if other Arab forces were at the same time attacking it. And Abdullah could not possibly use his army to protect the Jewish State.

Which ever way you add it up, the answer to the sum is war. And however the war ends, UNO's decision will be defeated. Partition cannot work.

The British Departure

You can't study this problem on the spot without recognising the certainty of failure, or war.

Our behaviour in this departure-period often has an air of cynicism—even of deliberate obstruction. It is sharply criticised by many British officials who have worked here and have grown to love the place.

We certainly are not making things any better by the manner of our leaving. But we are logically and exactly following out the policy which, in the circumstances, has seemed to us the only possible one.

We told the world well in advance that we would not enforce or implement any UNO decision which was not accepted by both Jews and Arabs. The Arabs have not accepted partition.

Therefore we will not lift one finger to enforce it, and we will not preside over its enforcement.

But we are going to go even if it means closing down the post offices, opening the jails, and abandoning the country to chaos and anarchy.

It does not sound a very statesmanlike policy. But what else should we do? Any attempt on our part to enforce partition would be a pro-Jewish, anti-Arab move. And we are not pro-Jewish and anti-Arab. We did not vote for partition.

We do not want to spend our last months in the Middle East antagonising the rest of the Arab world. So we are being most scrupulously neutral.

The British soldiers personally are not neutral. They are anti-Jewish and pro-Arab. And it isn't hard to see why they are so. Almost since war ended they have been the target of Irgun outrages. To those on the spot they have seemed senseless, cruel outrages.

However calm you may be about it intellectually, you can't stay impartial when you see your friends hanging in an olive grove or squirming on the pavement with their guts spilled out.

Even if you are convinced that only a few Jews perform and approve these things, you will tend to put the blame on all Jews.

Partly it is that. Partly it is that the British soldier finds the Arab more attractive.

The Arabs are a gay, friendly, happy-go-lucky race. Their virtues and their vices seem human and understandable. By contrast with them the Jews seem remote, hostile, darkly earnest, living in a world which others cannot share.

There may be plenty of exceptions to both rules. But that is how the British soldiers see it. And they have far more sympathy for the Arab argument.

This is our country, why should we be swamped out of it?—than for the Jewish argument—This is our Holy City, we must come back to it.

The British, in fact, are for one relatively popular with the Arabs. We are not responsible for the problem itself, but our present behaviour is considered thoroughly praiseworthy.

And the Americans and the Russians, who voted for partition, have become the unpopular ones.

Summing-Up

Ultimately you can reduce the present Palestine situation to these elements:

1. Partition is a solution which might conceivably work, from a practical point of view, if both parties were the very best of friends. They are not the very best of friends, they are blood enemies.

2. The Jews, who are pleased with partition as an interim solution, are praying for peace but preparing hard for war.

3. The Arabs, who could not accept partition anyhow, are preparing for war as the only solution.

4. Both sides are too proud, fanatical, and filled with hatred to give way and abandon their claims.

5. The British are primly and determinedly wishing their hands off the whole dirty war.

6. UNO apparently still believes that its solution will work, and is presumably taking measures to enforce its decision.

The one theoretical gleam of hope in this list is that UNO will, in fact, discover some means of enforcing its decision.

But the gleam is very theoretical. There are many months left now, and if UNO is going to enforce anything in Palestine it will have to get some armed forces at its disposal. Where are they coming from?

Are Russian and American troops going to be invited to garrison Palestine? Is it possible to recruit in the world an impartial gendarmerie whose members speak Hebrew and Arabic?

And can UNO continue to support a Palestine solution which has to be enforced by an international army?

Is such an army not an admission that partition is a failure from the start?

In an atmosphere of fear and hatred an act of violence—a knife in someone's back—turns men into snarling subhumans, wanting only to kill.

It is something which is hard for people to believe in—hard to accept as an ingredient of international affairs—when they are sitting quickly round a remote conference table. But it is very real here in Palestine.

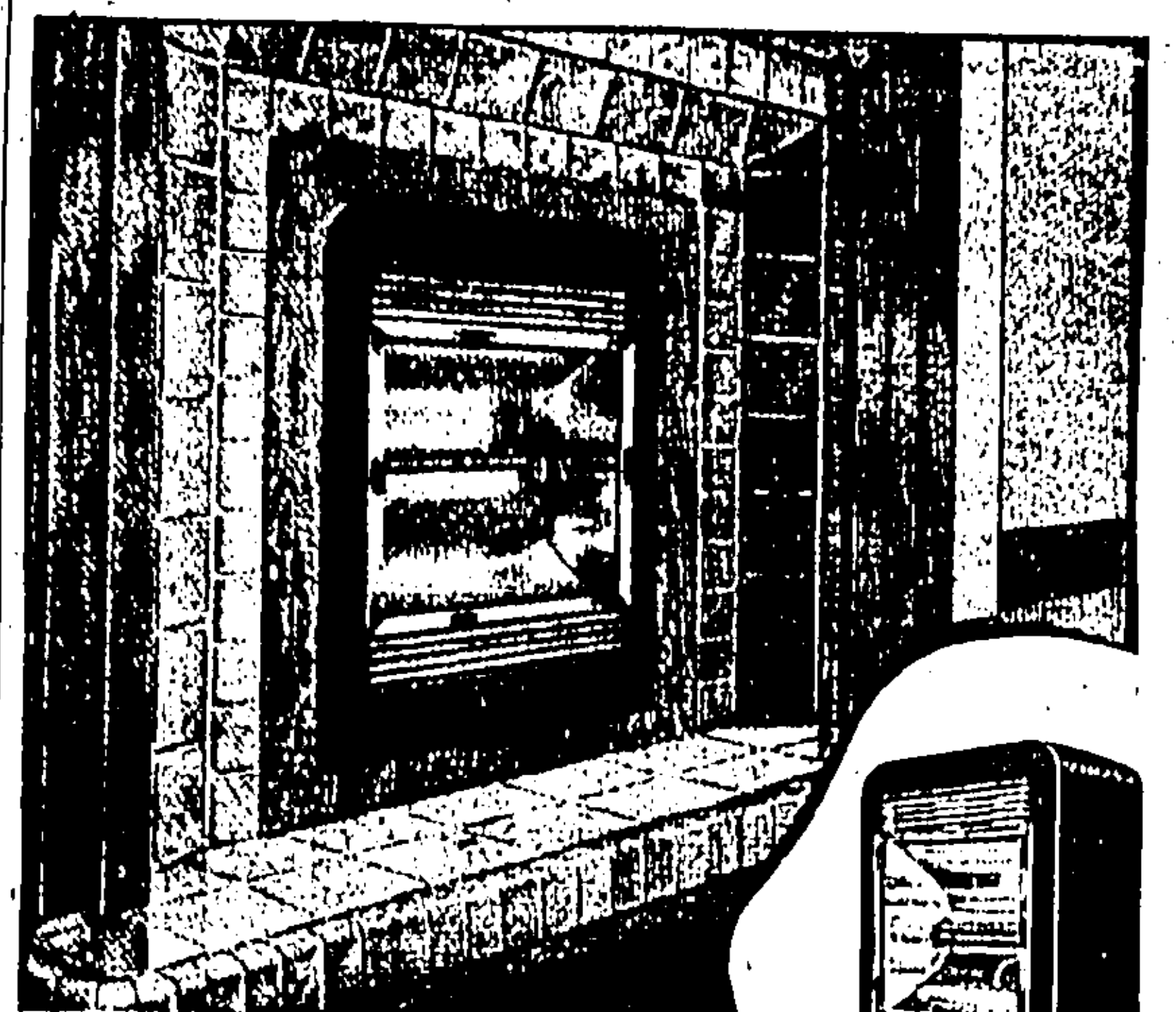
The stage is set for tragedy in Palestine. It has the inevitable quality of all real tragedy—an inescapable interplay of deep, genuine human feelings which must end in disaster.

True Christianity could save it—the doctrine of brotherly love, which was first preached prechely here, among these barren hills and in this ancient city.

But both sides are very far from being Christians. The stage is set for unavoidable tragedy. And UNO will be directing it.

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JANET MARTIN

Race meetings usually perform a double role in the social calendar, one sporting and the other fashionable, a sort of unofficial mannequin parade or testing out ground for the latest mode.

So, on Derby Day I went to the races, ostensibly to take a bird's eye view of the Mode—and with a few "tips" tucked away in my pocket.

Alas, what a disappointment! It is apparent that the "New Look" has scarcely taken a peep at Hong Kong yet, though the few interpretations I did manage to find were certainly worth the trouble of looking.

When one considers that good, to the minute paper patterns are as scarce in the Colony as snow in June, perhaps we can scarcely be blamed for a slight hesitancy in adopting new styles. Fashion magazines too, are extraordinarily expensive and consequently do not circulate as well as they might. And the imported dresses, with a few exceptions, still maintain a fairly conservative line.

Suits Popular

The suit or costume was an easy favourite, sensible choice for a day when the sunshine is warm, but the shade distinctly chilly. New Look or no, it is always a pleasure to see the English tailored, beautiful cloth and impeccable cut combined in a classic elegance that is quite aloof from the mere vagaries of fashion. A few more inches on the skirt length, a little less padding at the shoulders and the classic tailored-marches abreast with the fashions of 1948.

Although one notices a general lowering of the hemline, that is the first and almost the only step we have yet ventured to take in the direction of the new silhouette. There is little evidence of the sloping shoulders, ruffled bosoms, nipped-in waists and exaggerated hips which go with the lengths. I did notice two or three quite up-to-the-minute ensembles, de-lightful taillores in black face-cloth, featuring the tiniest of waists with flared or fluted peplums to give an illusion of width to the hips and wide swinging skirts reaching to the bottom of the calf.

Hats Are Coming Back

These flaring "derbyish" skirts do call for a large hat to keep their sense of balance. The new "fore and aft" hat is the answer, a wide curled up brim, jutting out at the front and back rather more than at the sides. One wide hat I saw set off the costume to perfection... a wide brim, worn rather well back and swathed right across with a silk mesh veil.

One charming suit, cut from the palest stone coloured cloth in soft wool, was made with a deep, slightly flared peplum, dipping a little at the back. With it went black accessories and a silver fox cape while the hat, a narrow brimmed felt, with a tall "pork pie" crown, was surmounted with a plume of coq feathers stitched with sequins. Just the right combination of elegance and frivolity for a day at the races.

It was indeed a pleasure to see so many charming hats and I, for one, could not help feeling delighted that millinery appears to be coming back into favour in the Colony. Last year, hats seemed to suffer a partial eclipse, so much so that newcomers, who would never have dreamed of going into town hatless at home, found that they could scarcely find the courage to wear one here.

So it was an added delight to see the boxes edged with a border of dainty hats in such a variety of shades, styles and materials.

Hair Styles For A Star

Vivacious Elisabeth Welch, playing the witty Tuppence Coloured changes her hair style during the revue almost as often as she changes her costume and has to do it at top speed. Miss Welch, whose hair is almost shoulder length (ideal for adopting either up or down styles) combs it into small, flat pin-curls before starting and always has a couple of unusual ornaments in case she wants to dress it up.

From top to bottom of the drawing—

1. The hair is parted on the left-hand side of the head curled softly round the right side of the face, and fastened back on the left, leaving the ear bare. Two large flower ear-rings are perched above and below one ear.
2. The hair is dressed up on top of the head with the front pieces combed into soft curls falling on to the forehead. A cascade of ringlets is attached.
3. A parting is made down the centre back of the hair and the curls are piled on top of the head well off the forehead and worn with an ornamental antique comb.
4. Here the hair is drawn well back from the face and curled into two rolls, to top an artificial plat.

EDNA McKENNA.



SKIN CARE AND SKIN FOODS

By CLAUDIA

The earlier a woman begins to take care of her skin, the more thankful will she be when she reaches the middle years. It is never too soon to start and, fortunately for us, it is never too late to make amends for earlier neglect.

Thanks to the tremendous strides which have been made in the study of skin care during the past two or three decades, no woman need ever feel that she has allowed her skin to look after itself too long. It is never too late to take it in hand and achieve a considerable improvement.

Gone are the days when the dire effect of the constant use of cosmetics was pointed out in riddled cheeks and stringy necks. Our fine modern cosmetics need never cause the slightest coarsening of the skin, provided the skin itself is well cared for.

As I remarked earlier, it is never too soon to start. The mother who watches over her little daughter's ablutions, sees that every scrap of soap is rinsed away and every corner thoroughly dried; who smears a trace of good plain cold cream onto wind-roughened cheeks, is laying the sound foundation of a lovely complexion.

The mother of the teen age daughter, just making the acquaintance of the delightful mysteries of make-up, who tea-

ches her to remove all make-up with scrupulous care before going to bed, who impresses on her that her delicate young skin deserves the best both of quality and of care, is starting her on the path which will keep her skin fresh and fine textured all her life.

Start Young

The saddest mistake a girl can make is to think that, because her skin is fresh and lovely in youth, it does not need any special care. Usually she realises this only when, much later on, the tiny lines appear and the fine texture has coarsened.

As a girl begins to use cosmetics she should follow a simple routine of skin care. Nothing elaborate, just three rules of thorough cleansing, cold water splashing and a cold cream or light skin-food to keep the skin soft, used at night or before the bath.

From the very earliest days of make-up, the use of nourishing and emollient creams is a first essential. Naturally a young girl's skin does not require any rich skinfood. She should use only a light cold cream or a mild skinfood to keep her skin soft and fresh.

After the age of twenty five or so, her skin will begin to need a slightly richer cream for nourishment and a mild skin tonic for application afterwards to keep the tissues firm.

After thirty, the study of skin care becomes increasingly important. Skins are of an infinite variety of textures and each one has its own individual problems. It is absolutely useless just to dash into a shop and buy an expensive jar of cream without first finding out whether it is the right one for your particular needs. Among all the leading makers are creams specially blended for varying kinds and conditions of skins.

Find "Your" Cosmetics

If you are not sure about which one to buy, ask the sales-girl for a booklet... most of the leading makers supply these to explain the uses of their various preparations; and study it to find the right cream for your own skin.

There are creams for the dry skin, to give extra nourishment, a little while before you pop there are creams for the oily skin, to refine and nourish at

the same time; creams for the normal skin; for eyes and for necks. The older woman needs to make a further study. Richer creams are needed to eradicate lines and "crepey" areas of tissue. There are many fine hormone creams and muscle oils which will work wonders for the older skin.

If you have been neglecting your skin and want to turn over a new leaf, here is a word of advice. Don't worry about the "laughter" lines around the eyes and mouth. They are lines of character, adding interest to your face. You can soften and lighten them, but you will never remove them altogether, for they are "you." It is the tiny lines and creases of the ageing tissues which need your help and care.

If your skin has not been accustomed to receiving much nourishment, don't start off with the rich cream your skin undoubtedly needs... that would have the same kind of effect as a sudden change of diet from bread and water to unlimited cream buns! Start with a light skinfood, used liberally every day for a week or two. Then change to a richer cream and finally introduce the hormone creams and muscle oils or special neck creams, so that your skin will gradually become accustomed to its richer diet.

Creams And Tonics

Please do remember that cream and tonic are inseparable twins. Creams relax the skin, nourishing and softening... tonics brace up the tissues and refine the pores. See that they always go together.

The richer the creams you are using, the more thankful you will be that the old idea that the more you use the better is no longer accepted. There is no need at all for you to go to bed plastered in skinfood. The skin can only absorb so much skin at a time and the extra will still be there in the morning... or on the pillow.

You can take your daily dose at any time, while you are taking a bath or resting... and a quarter of an hour or so will be quite long enough for your skin to take in all that it requires.

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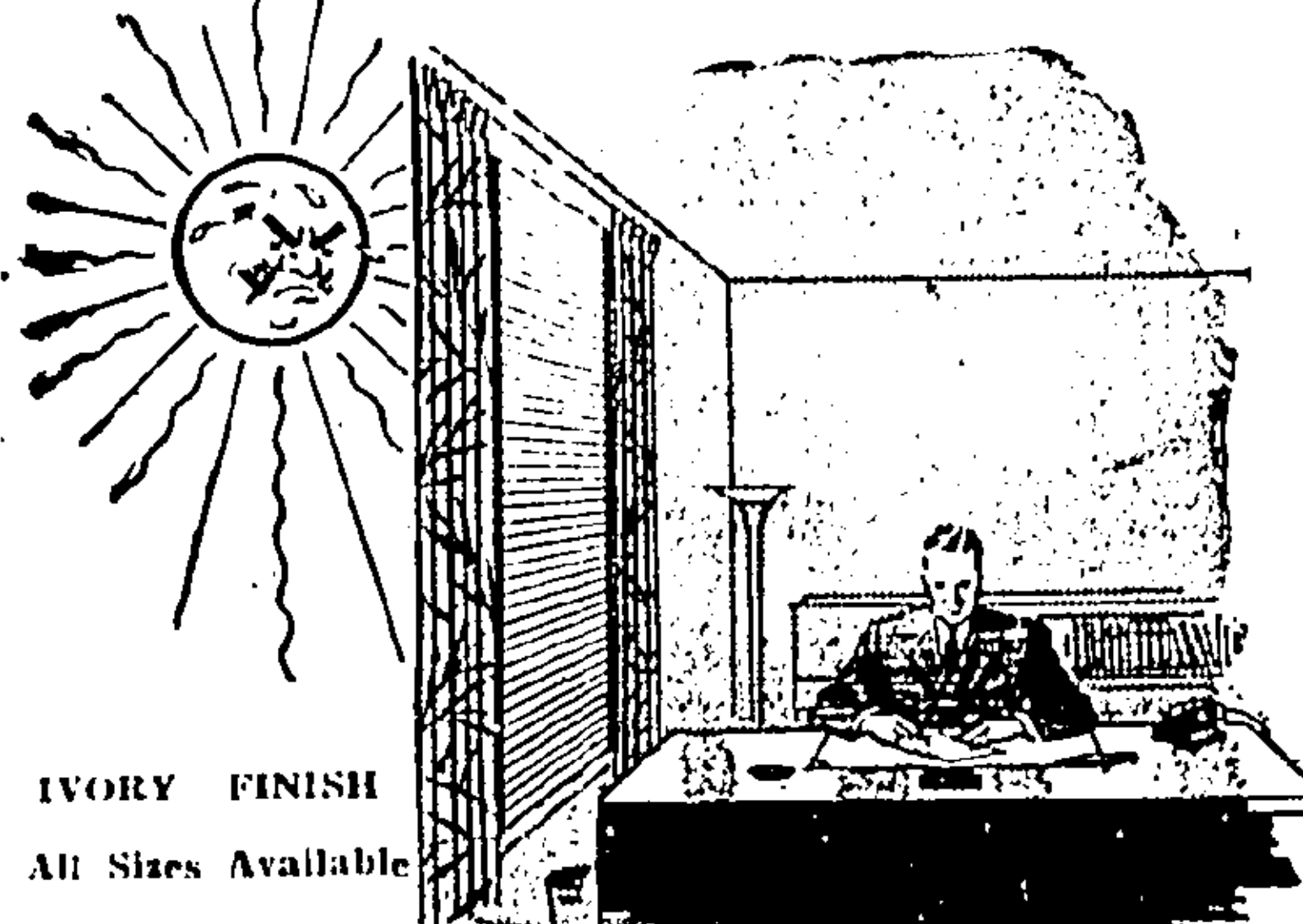
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SMARTNESS IN
LEATHER

By BARBARA E. SCOTT FISHER

of The Christian Science Monitor

High-style fashions in suede clothes are being brought into sharp focus today.

Two New York designers, who are experts in this field of striking new leather fashions, add much to the increasing popularity of this medium whether they create fashions in sportswear, or use suede for dresses of more sophisticated softness.

Philip Sills is a "leather man," pure and simple. His father worked in leathers and his grandfather made harness. His designs show his deep appreciation of leather, and an understanding of both its possibilities and its limitations.

The other designer who has turned with marked success to the fashioning of suede costumes is Arpad Versatile. Imaginative, with years of Parisian training behind him, Arpad possesses so keen a grasp of the needs of fashion that he also knows how to supply them.

It is interesting to see two creative artists handling the same medium with such originality and assurance and yet such divergence in design.

History Of Leather

Leather was probably one of the first materials used for clothing, and you can see in the Brooklyn Museum the sewing equipment that the Neanderthal housewife used for sewing her leathers, such as stone knives, scrapers, and awls of flint and polished bone which were used for needles.

Later, leathers became more pliable and were used in the making of armour, particularly for combining the metal parts, thus making the armour more flexible. At the end of the last war, leather was used for wind-breakers and for heavy service clothing of many kinds.

But today's leathers, particularly the delicate suedes which are pressed into service for the "New Look" in clothes, are given over to elegance and handled with the grace and ease of fabrics. Colours, too, increase the attractive possibilities of leather, though the most popular shades remain those of the leather tones themselves—the pale honey beiges, the tan bark shades, and the deep rich range of browns.

Suede In All Weathers

Suede, the most fashionable of leathers, has another interesting aspect. In winter it insulates against cold, and in summer-time against heat. Suede is both light and warm—far less bulky than heavy furs, and more supple.

On the other side of the picture, there is the question of cleaning suede clothing. You can't send suedes to just any body and be certain of the results of the cleaning. However, you can wear them a long time without cleaning, unless you are reckless.

The brushing up of their surface by a delicate little wire brush will do wonders to keep your suedes in good order. Besides, there is that friendly, well-worn look some people like about their clothes that suedes capture in no time at all—and hold. Suede clothes can also be redyed, but this is not advised as the best thing to do with them.

Philip Sills' suedes lean definitely to the casual. His is a special-order business. He makes a stunning greatcoat in California tan. The collar is split at the back of the neck to offset any unnecessary cleaning. Made with a deep V yoke front and back, it accents graceful bell sleeves that can take a deep cuff or be worn straight.

Mr. Sills uses suede because the skins come in larger sizes and can be worked to greater advantage. He makes attractive two-piece dresses with suede.

The blouse buttons down the front, has short cap sleeves and a small round collar stitched in green. Separate skirts in suede make good companions. One has two pockets at side front, unpressed front pleats, and is zippered down the back. All seams are taped so there is no stretching.

Originality With Leather

Arpad used suede for evening wear more than a year ago. "No designer can originate a trend," Arpad points out. "It comes with the need of the times. When clothes began to embody a soft look, suede became a natural, for suede can be used like cloth."

Arpad not only uses suedes in plain colors and in natural tones, but, with his lively imagination and practical talent, introduces suede prints. A Paisley pattern is delicately conceived in soft corals, greens and reds; an all-over Chantilly lace design done in faint blue against the warmth of rose-beige suede; smart little block checks and pin checks come in the sportswear mood.

Two and half years ago, Arpad abandoned shoulder pads, introducing the idea in three basic blouses which sold up to 1,600 in a single store. To him, leather and shoulder pads just don't mix.

No suede skirts are hemmed. You can shorten them, but you can't let them down. Suede sandals are designed and executed by Dave Evans to complement suede outfits.

Accessories in suede, including a wide three-yard scarf of brown lined with black jersey, are naturals with Arpad, but that, as Alice said, is another story.

Kid gloves should always be mended with cotton thread, as this does not tear the leather when you are sewing, and it also makes the gloves wear better.

Keep fats (oils, lard, butter, etc.), covered in the coldest part of the refrigerator to keep them fresh. Keep strong-flavoured foods away, as fats easily absorb such flavours.

Water stains can be removed from glasses or vases by rubbing with vinegar applied on a cloth, and then washing well in hot water and soap suds, rinsing with clear hot water afterwards. Dry on a clean towel and the glassware will shine, bright as new.

If a new hole is needed in your sewing machine belt, heat a hatpin until it's very hot and it will pierce the belt like magic.

When a piece of crockery has a tiny crack in it, try boiling it in sweet milk, and see if it isn't restored to use.

Hoods In The News



Hoods lend enchantment to girls who wear them. Outstanding among those to choose from this year is one purchased by Loretta Young (above), dewy-eyed R.K.O. Radio star. Made of wool jersey and studded with nuthatches, it drapes over the shoulders along the sweeping lines of the curls that adorned King Arthur's gallant knights. An added attraction to daytime coats on cold and windy days, it's comfortable and graceful with formal evening caps.

COMPOSING A
PERFECT FACE

By VICTOR MAMAK

Poets and painters have often described "Beauty" in such detail that it seems credible only in fiction.

To find someone in real life who conforms to their descriptions, is not only difficult, but well-nigh impossible. There are charming, beautiful women all over the world but, nevertheless, no single face can boast of a flawless perfection and combination of all features.

How often have we come across a pair of perfectly beautiful eyes, with all their liquid tenderness... how often have we seen a perfectly shaped mouth, soft and expressive... there are even several noses that could be labelled "perfect". But the possessors of these individually perfect points never seem to have the same high standard of "beauty" in their other facial features.

There are enough individually perfect features scattered all over the world to make one or more absolutely perfect faces—let us gather some up and construct one "synthetically". The world is a large place, so let us pick a few charming faces from one corner of it for the purpose of constructing a perfect face, even though it is an imaginary one. Let's send our imagination to Hollywood, the beauty capital of the world.

From A Hollywood Sofa

Concentrate for a moment and imagine that we are sitting on a comfortable sofa watching Hollywood beauties on parade.

Look! There is glamorous Heddy Lamarr. What is it that strikes you most in her features? That's right, her soft, expressive mouth—what an exquisite formation!

Well, we shall borrow your mouth, Miss Lamarr, as an ideal start. But please stand by, we shall need one more contribution from you. Thank you.

Hullo! who is that smiling at us, flashing her milky white teeth straight and sound—a perfect set. Do you mind, Miss Caulfield, if we borrow your perfect teeth to set them in the exquisite mouth of our Heddy? Very generous of you, indeed. That'll be all from you, thank you very much.

For such a perfect mouth and set of teeth, we must have a perfect chin. Mrs. Binnie Barnes

will oblige us—there she is with the firm, graceful curve of her jawbone and chin line. It is only for a moment, Miss Barnes, that we want it. You are very kind.

How do you do, Madame Bette Davies; we really can't let you pass by us without your contributing something from your charming face. Do you mind lending us your ideally sized cheeks to form the contour of our "synthetic" face? Much obliged to you.

Here comes charming Teresa Wright. Miss Wright, we like the long, flowing sweep of your forehead. It will undoubtedly give distinction to our perfect model. Its smooth, unruffled skin shows that it receives proper attention with cleansing creams and beauty lotions. You have no objection if we borrow it? How very charming of you, Miss Wright.

Look, who is that beauty with a perfect nose? None other than sweet, charming Maureen O'Hara. Miss O'Hara, we are afraid we shall have to take away your nose whether you like it or not, but believe us we shall put it on a face that will do even it credit; we know it is that rare thing, a perfect nose—its classic modelling and clear-cut lines defy equal. Oh, we don't mind the "freelance" you don't either? We thought so. Thank you, too.

The Finished Article

Well, we are getting somewhere now. One moment please, Miss Loretta Young. You cannot hide those beautiful eyes of yours from us. We must really have them. They are so full of expression; and we like your fringed, large, dark, curly lashes. We cannot complete our "synthetic beauty" without your eyes, so please do not refuse. We are very grateful to you.

Isn't that Rochelle Hudson just behind our obliging Loretta? Mark that innocent look on her face. It is the eyebrows that give her that expression. Look, she is offering them herself, without our asking her! We know she does not mind putting her eyebrows above Loretta's eyes. We must admit, Miss Hudson, that yours are the most perfect "cultivated natural" eyebrows in Hollywood.

All we need now is a crowning glory for our perfect model. This is where we want you again, Miss Lamarr, with your gorgeous hair. We don't care if others prefer blondes, we simply must have your dark tresses.

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ARMY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Land Forces H.Q. At Head Of Table

Low Scoring In All Matches

There has been one change at the head of the Army Soccer League this week. As the Buffs did not have a match, and H.Q. Land Forces beat the Sappers, Headquarters have assumed the leadership. Scoring was low mainly because two of the matches were played on Wednesday in conditions that were rather strange to the majority of players.

Happy Valley was not by any means in its normal state when these two teams took the field on Wednesday. There was a strong wind blowing straight down the pitch, and the areas around the two goals, which are usually like concrete, had a treacherous top surface of slippery mud. In such conditions good football was not to be expected. On both sides, REME kicked off with the wind at their backs and REME found it difficult to make any headway at all, but even so no goals came until play had been in progress for about 25 minutes. The REME inside right sent in a shot that rebounded from the crossbar. Told the inside left to meet the ball on the rebound with his head and REME were one up. There was no further score before half-time when the teams changed round. With the REME playing into the wind the game was much more even, and the REME forward line made some quite good raids; unfortunately their defence was not too steady under pressure and half-way through the second half Vincent, the REME goalkeeper, called the advancing goalkeeper and tapped the ball into the net to give REME a two goal lead. There was no further scoring until, with four minutes left for play, the REME outside left sent in a very good shot which Cordell let slip through his grasp. It was a good sporting game, but neither side were really at home with the greasy half. The REME forwards were very promising but their defence, in which the centre half was prominent, needs tightening up.

This match was also played on Wednesday at Happy Valley, and if anything the ground for this game was in an even worse condition than that for the REME game. The Buffs' forwards did not field a full team and playing into the wind in the first half they did very well to keep the Signals out. The teams changed over with the score (0-0) and with the Buffs' strengthened by the inclusion of two more players, it seemed that they were going to have matters all their own way. Signals were the first to score however after the second half was about ten minutes old. This goal struck the Buffs' forward line into action and they scored the equalizer within three minutes. They maintained the pressure but time was certainly running short before they scored the winning goal. The weather did not encourage good football and all credit is due to the players for turning out at all.

Although the standard of play in this game was never particularly high it was a good, clean, and in the second half, interesting match. HQ Land Forces has one or two players in strange positions, and obviously missed Tolly's centre forward who had scored eight goals in the previous three matches. HQ Land Forces kicked off into the breeze and for a short time they held the initiative, but the game soon degenerated and became very scrappy. Headquarters' first goal came after ten minutes' play when Martin, the outside right, beat King the Sappers goalie to the ball and put it into the net. Play continued to be scrappy, the HQ forwards failing to make the most of several good openings. After twenty minutes Hanson, the HQ left half, made an individual effort finishing a good run with a well placed shot that gave HQ a 1-0 chance. The third goal followed five minutes later after much the same sort of solo run, this time by Martin. The HQ left back—caused several hearts to miss a beat—put least his own—when he put back a very weak pass to his goalkeeper, who just managed to snuff the ball off the toes of the impetuous Crosthwaite.

Frankfurt, Jan. 23. Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight champion, told a correspondent of the German news service in the British Zone that he expected to meet the German title holder, Heip Ten Hoff, for the championship sometime this autumn.

Schmeling declared that he was trying to arrange a match in Sweden with Olle Tandberg, the Swedish champion, or John Nilsson. He said he would not fight the Italian, Giovanni Martin, in Sweden since Swedish sports regulations did not permit matches between two foreigners. Schmeling denied the rumours that financial difficulties had compelled him to stage a "come-back." "The only reason is my love of boxing," he said.—Reuter.

Gunners Win Army Tennis Finals

Last Sunday, Flagstaff House courts were the venue of the semi-finals and final of the Army Officers Doubles Tournament.

The teams in the semi-finals were: R. Es (Maj. Hogg and Capt. Payne), Ist. Innies, (Capt. Dune and Lt. Symes), G. Branch HQ Land Forces, (Lt. Col. Reynolds and Major Smith) and R.A. (Maj. Hagg and 2/Lt. Newton).

In the first match G. Branch put up a very spirited resistance but the steadiness of the R.A. pair soon began to tell and they ran out victors in two straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

The other semi-final was any body's game. The first set with the R.A. pair just getting home 6-4. In the second set however the attacking net play of Maj. Hagg completely wore down the opposition and the set was soon won by the Engineers 6-1.

Thus the stage was set for the final between the Artillery and the Engineers, and two very different styles of play. The Engineers

ARMY ATHLETIC MEET: THOMPSON'S GOOD FORM

Congratulations all round to the stalwarts who turned up at Caroline Hill on Wednesday for the Army Athletic meeting. The Army Sports Board certainly picked their day.

For the fact that a full programme, with the exception of one event, was completed all credit must go to the officials who did an excellent job of work under very trying conditions. Our special bouquets go to Mrs. Beattie, the wife of Lt. Col. J. H. Beattie, C.B., D.S.O., who having sat and shivered all the afternoon still had such a charming smile left for each competitor when she presented the prizes; to Sgt. Major Easton who defied all the critics of a 'good old 'un' with an amazing leap of 20 ft. 7 ins. in the long jump; and to Lt. Col. Beattie's hat that seemed impervious to the high wind.

The individual performances were good. Thompson of the Buffs showed very good form in winning both the mile and half mile events, it is hoped that he will be able to do some really serious training before the next meeting. Lt. Kierman having been a thorn in the flesh of every opposing soccer defence this season proved his versatility by easily making both the short sprints in both these events he demonstrated the immense value of a good start. In the three mile event Lt. Rick de Boscawen was just too strong for COMS Gardner but here again this pair in good training will provide formidable opposition to any outside challenger. The elements were even more difficult to overcome in the field events.

Cpl. Arrowsmith did very well in the high jump to clear 5 ft. 4

Liverpool, Jan. 24. The "Bank of Friendship" ship Euclid docked at Liverpool today, and a crowd of dockside officials and longshoremen stood in the driving rain to cheer the liner which is bringing 40,000 packages of food and clothing as a gift from New England to the needy of Scotland.

The fact that none of the cargo is destined for Liverpool made no difference in the enthusiasm of the welcome. The ship will proceed to Glasgow where the cargo will be discharged on Feb. 2 and subsequently distributed through church organizations of all denominations.

Andrew Cooper, an official of the Boston and Maine Railroad, accompanying the ship as courier and representative of the donors, said the cargo included "every kind of the choicest foodstuffs, the American people could think of in addition to bales of footwear and underwear."

Captain Daniel Morrison of the Euclid, Glasgow-born himself, said "The choice of my ship to serve as Yankee Friendship was an excellent one. The crew is Scots to a man and together we cannot find words to express the gratitude of our countrymen for this gesture. It will go far to cement the traditional friendship that always existed between Scots and Americans."—United Press.

Paris, Jan. 24. The Cabinet today decided to submit to the National Assembly on Monday a bill permitting open dealings in gold.

The decision was taken at a special emergency two-hour Cabinet meeting at noon.

The bill, of which details were not revealed, is also understood to permit French holders of foreign currency to sell it in France at the open market rate.

Hinting that a compromise agreement has been reached with Britain and France on the devaluation dispute, M. Abelin, Secretary of State, said Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, had "shown great good will" in his negotiations with Finance Minister Rene Mayer.

He said there is reason to hope that "minor technical differences" will be completely ironed out today, and added there is a possibility that Sir Stafford and M. Mayer might hold one final meeting this afternoon.—United Press.

Dealings In Gold Decision

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AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNS.

Morris, b Phadkar	7
Barnes, lbw, b Mankad	112
Bradman, b Hazare	201
Hazare, not out	198
Miller, b Rangachari	67
Harvey, lbw, b Rangachari	13
McCool, b Phadkar	27
Tallon, lbw, b Mankad	1
Ian Johnson, b Rangachari	22
Toshack, lbw, b Hazare	8
Lindwall, b Rangachari	16
Extras	16
Total	674

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Phadkar	15	0	74	2
Amarnath	9	0	42	0
Rangachari	41	5	141	4
Mankad	43	8	170	2
Sarwate	22	1	121	0
Hazare	223	1	110	2

INDIA — 1ST INNS.

Sarwate, b Miller	1
Sen, b Miller	0
Mankad, not out	3
Extras	2
Total (for two)	6

—Reuter.

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Yesterday's Cricket

K.C.C. Dismissed For 32

In spite of the Races a number of friendly cricket games were played yesterday Hong Kong Cricket Club are in a favourable position in their two-day match with Kowloon Cricket Club.

K.C.C. v H.K.C.C.

K.C.C.	H.K.C.C.
C. Finch, b. Howarth	5
J. Stapleton, c. Franklin, b. Stokes	3
A. Zimmer, b. Howarth	0
W.H. Cledge, absent	
Hart-Baker, c. Kibbee, b. Stokes	4
G.E. Taylor, b. Howarth	0
S. Truman, b. Howarth	0
S.A.P. White, b. Stokes	2
J. Barr, w. D. Stokes	3
F.R. Zimmer, not out	2
R.E. Lee, b. Howarth	4
Extras	4
Total	32

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F. Howarth	O	M	R	W	Total	HOWLING	151		
L.F. Stokes	3	4	9	4					
H.K.C.C.									
L.F. Stokes, at Zimmer, b. Zimmer	5				Gumbrill	O	M	R	W
J.E. Zimmer					Barclay	10.1	1	34	0
J.E. Richardson, c. A. Zimmer, b. Lee	16				Rays r	4	0	22	0
M.M. Little, c. Finch, b. Taylor	27				Reiss	2	0	29	0
N.E. Arthy, c. F. Zimmer, b. Taylor	37				Kew	4	0	25	2
L.D. Little, b.w. b. Taylor	31				Recreto v Navy At King's Park, Dublin, the Re- creto beat R. Navy by eight wickets in a friendly.				

Army v University

The Army gained a 7-wicket victory over Hong Kong University in a friendly at Soekamp.

UNIVERSITY	ARMY
L.T. Ride, b. Stepto	24
T. Lo, b. Cockerill	0
D. Hanson, b. Cockerill	0
T.C. Leung, c. Moore, b. Cockerill	0
E. H. Jones, b. Cockerill	0
D. Chelliah, c. Watney, b. Stepto	2
T.H. Leung, b. Haig	12
S.A. Vannar, b. Stepto	4
J.C. Koh, c. Murray Brown, b. Wodeke	5
H. Amant, not out	0
H.E. Chan, c. Watney, b. Wodeke	0
Extras	5
Total	52

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O	M	R	W
Leung	0	0	21
Vannar	4	0	20
Koh	5	1	26
Hanson	1	0	11
Ride	1	0	6

H.K.C.C. 2nd v K.C.C.

Playing at Home, Hong Kong Cricket Club Second team beat Kowloon Cricket Club Juniors by 20 runs in a friendly.

H.K.C.C. 2ND.	K.C.C.
A.D. Pantan, not out	41
C. Barclay, st. b. Wood	30
A.E.V. Brown, c. Lapsley, b. Smith	21
A.P. Rayner, st. b. Lo	33
G. Clarke, b. Shields	4
R. Clarke, c. Fitt, b. Shields	3
E. Gambrell, not out	13
Extras	7
Total	171

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O	M	R	W
Billimoria	11	4	19
Ranchand	9	2	20
Irane	9	5	0
Hong Choy	6	1	22
Lee	4	1	9

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CLUB'S RUGGER WIN OVER THE REST

(By "Crums")

It was encouraging to see that despite the counter-attraction of the Races, the Rugby at the Club Ground, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon was attended by a surprisingly large crowd, including Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, General and Mrs. Erskine, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Donald McCullough.

A Cup was presented by Mrs. Erskine to Mr. P.S. Ingham, Captain of the Hong Kong Football Club XV, which had won the Quadrangular Tournament, against the Army, Navy and R.A.F. and Police.

The game between Club and Rest of Colony promised to be a thriller after the magnificent display given by the Club and Army teams a week ago. Club beat the Rest by 12 points to 6 and, although it was a fine game, it was by no means as good as the Club and Army match.

Some of the 18 points scored in the game were from penalty goals, which is an indication of the standard of play. There was no lack of excitement, however, and it was interesting to see that for once, the Club forwards were not able to dominate the game. It would be true to say that McWhirter's hooking very largely contributed to the Club's success, not that any of the Club's points were scored through orthodox movements resulting from their getting the ball in set scrums, but the fact that McWhirter hooked the ball time and again, at least denied it to the opposition.

Vigorous Play

The Rest backs showed the utmost vigour whenever they got the ball, which was seldom. Oliver kicked his first goal for the club when the Rest were penalized for an infringement immediately in front of the posts.

There followed a period when play was more vigorous than skilled; both sides were watching each other closely and tackling very hard. Dullesh and Wynyard ensured that the Rest were as successful in the lineouts as the Club, for whom Alec Taylor and Godfrey were as useful as ever.

Twenty minutes after the start, Alec Taylor picked up the ball from a loose scrum inside the Rest 25 and made several yards before passing to Bowman, who crashed over the line in

Schools Football

The following is today's programme of the School League:

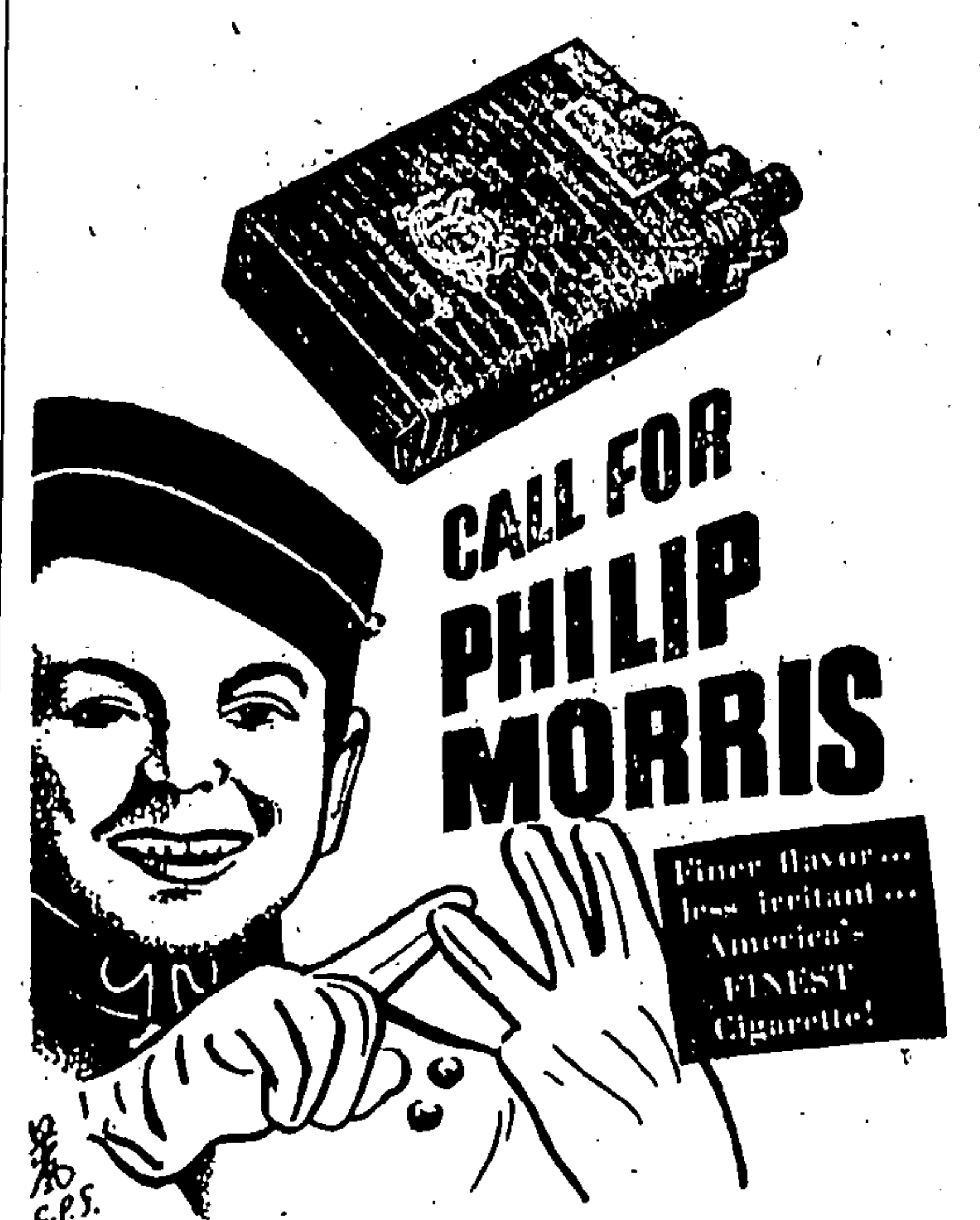
SENIOR
St. Paul's v St. Joseph's Army No. 1 10.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. Tam Kan.
Wah Yan v E.K.P.M. Club ground 10.30 a.m. Referee: Dr. Selby. Linesmen: Mr. Strange, Mr. Bickford.
E.K.A.M. v St. Stephen's ground 11.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. Bickford. Lines: Mr. Strange, Dr. Selby.

JUNIOR "A"
St. Paul's v A.C.A.M. Navy No. 1 11.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. A. Rebeiro.
St. Joseph's v Waiwai A.A. Navy No. 1 10.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. Kwok Ying-kee.
St. Stephen's v E.K.A.M. Navy No. 2 11.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. A. Farmer.

JUNIOR "B"
A.C.P.M. v E.K.P.M. Navy No. 2 10.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. Au Yeung Shing.
Waiwai P.M. v G.V.M.S. Caroline Hill 10.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. Chan Tak-fai.
Wah Yan v N.T.C. Caroline Hill 11.30 a.m. Referee: Mr. Chan Tak-fai.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

SENIOR
Queen's v La Salle Police ground 2.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. Manson Lung.
Ying Wah v D.B.S. La Salle 2.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. R. S. M. Watson.



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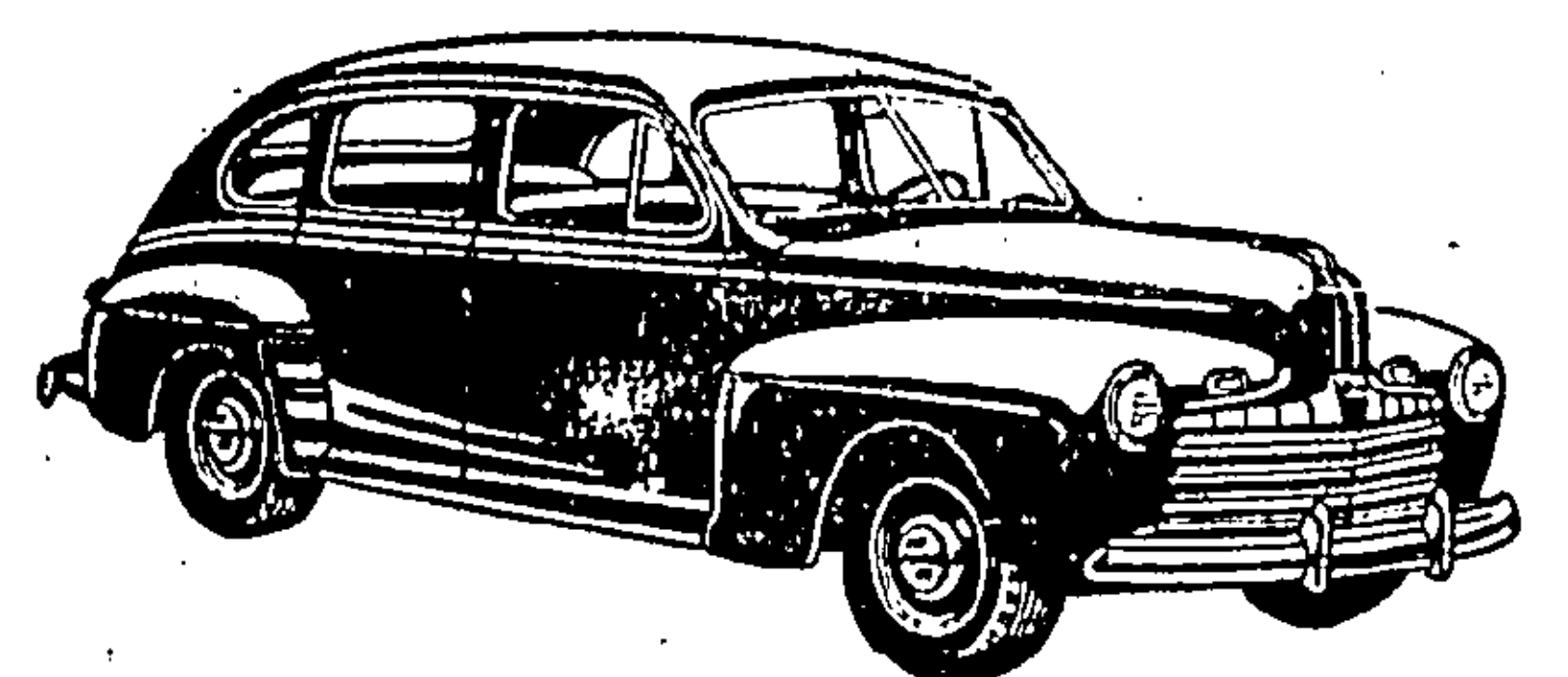
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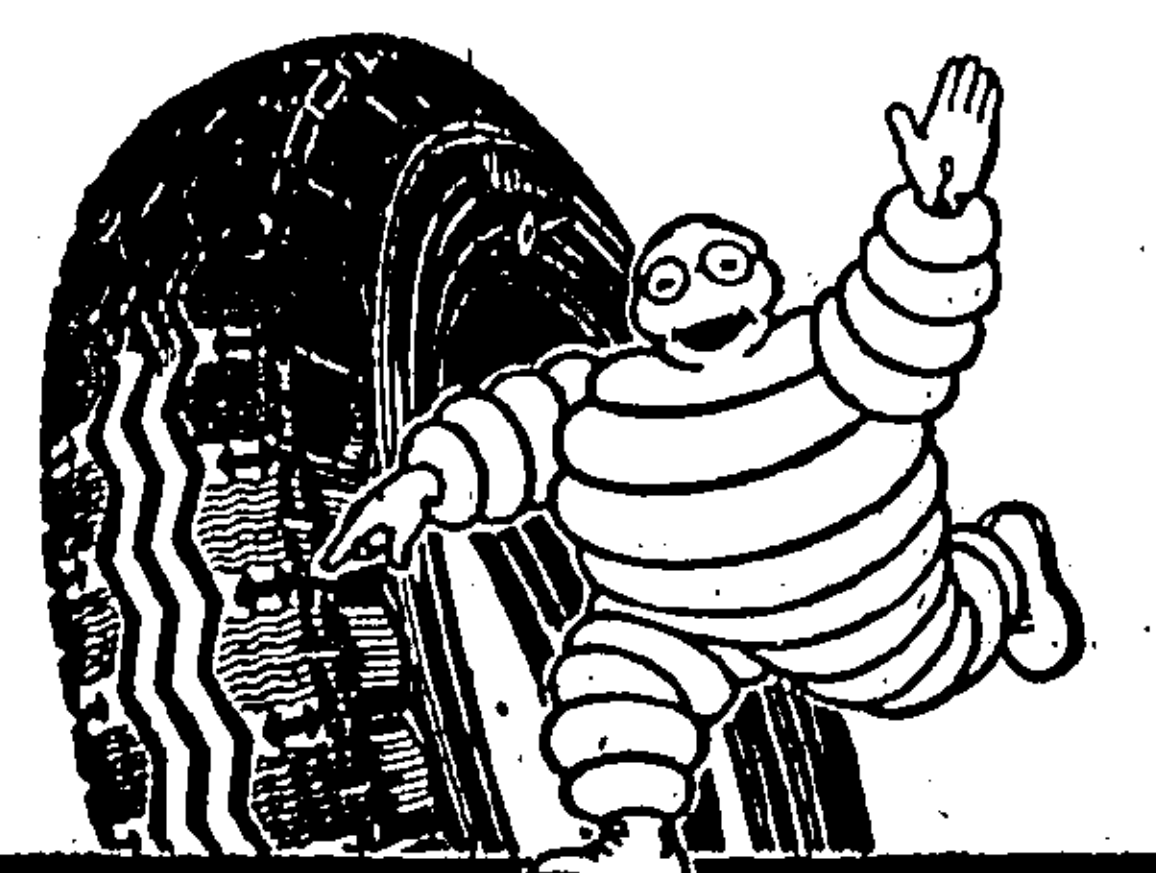
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